

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2019**

A regularly scheduled meeting was held on the above date at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. The meeting was brought to order at 7:30PM. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Frank McCullough and Mark Wilson. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director.

Approval of 20-May-2019 Minutes:

No minutes were distributed after the prior meeting, so there were no minutes to formally approve.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Frank Adamcik (2nd Ward): Damaged picnic table bench near the concession stand was repaired; opened a discussion about the movement/vandalism of the metal picnic table/bench units. There were seven of these units and, at the moment, five units at the pavilion. Mr. Adamcik asked whether the older wooden ones can be replaced by metal ones.

Mark Wilson (4th Ward): No advisor report.

Frank McCullough (5th Ward): Stated that Lindberg Park has been “a very busy place,” with the tennis courts and other areas in high use. Mr. McCullough raised a concern regarding the use of bicycles within the fenced-in area at Lindberg Park. Separately, at Green Acres Park, he was concerned that a lack of sidewalk is causing a danger for pedestrians that are in the street, and Ms. Baillie also mentioned that this is a concern when the volunteer firefighters converge on the firehouse. Bathrooms at Green Acres Park are working okay, but could use some fresh paint.

Staff Reports & Updates:

Genny Baillie: Playground program started a week late at Lindberg Park due to construction. During the program at Lindberg Park, a youth participant was bitten by a small dog (owned by a woman who fled with the dog immediately afterwards). Ms. Baillie stated that the signage needs to be “doubled-up” to match the number of “no bikes allowed” signs along the park perimeter. She also conveyed that the purchase order was signed for a new Devonshire Park playground unit, with the installation date still to be determined; removal of old unit will be done by the township beforehand.

Old Business:

Community Day: Tuesday, 16-Jul at Salisbury Middle School. Set up will begin at 1:00PM. Ms. Ringhoffer had sent out an outline to committee members and staff. Ms. Baillie stated that Officer Chris Casey has been very successful at getting donations for the basket raffle. Commissioner Debbie Brinton, who was in attendance, had some suggestions about food and other arrangements. Ms. Baillie stated that staffing, consisting of playground program counselors, RAC members, a few other volunteers and staff, would be “in good shape.”

New Business:

Park Tours: After some discussion, the following dates were set for the park tours:

Monday 19-Aug: Eastern parks, starting in Laubach Park at 6:00PM.

Monday 26-Aug: Western parks, starting in Green Acres Park at 6:00PM.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Behavior at Walking Purchase Park: A resident who lives on Summit Street close to Walking Purchase Park raised concerns regarding the illegal use of ATVs (four-wheelers), dirt bikes and accompanying minivans/vehicles on the trail, and he has also seen 9mm bullet shells (and has heard them) being discharged in the park. He asked whether the RAC could provide him any direction in order to get things under better control. He felt that finding “community anchors” (scout groups, the mountain bike group, church groups, etc.) could create critical mass that would help to better manage the situation.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Adamcik, and approved at 8:35PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 16, 7:30PM, at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Wilson
Chairman, Recreation Advisory Committee