

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Please note that this Meeting will be held via the Zoom web conferencing program. (Instructions for participating are included below)

ZOOM Meeting ID: 840 8399 9008

1. Call to Order (*E. Croke*)

Kerry Boccella	Vice Chair
Sara Hughes	Member
Noelle Powell	Member
Adrienne Smythe	Member
Michael Needleman	School District School Board Representative
Emily Croke	Director of Parks and Recreation

2. Approval of Minutes from December (*All*)

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee unanimously approved the December minutes.

3. Administrative Report (*E. Croke*)

Jeannine DePaul-Nelson submitted a resignation from the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. The resignation will be reviewed at the Board of Commissioners meeting. Thank you to Jeannine for her several years of service to the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee.

4. Recreation Report (*E. Croke*)

Planning for 2021 has commenced. The draft for summer programming has begun. This summer, the Department is forecasting a similar summer to 2020 programming. At this time, programs will likely be held at the Recreation Center on Willow Grove Ave. There is a possibility the school facilities will be closed as they were in the summer of 2020. The goal will be to host as many outdoor programs as possible.

5. Park Report (*E. Croke*)

- **Bysker Park:** Vandalism.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** Reopened.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** No Issues.
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** Vandalism.
- **Mermaid Park:** No Issues.
- **Sandy Run Park:** No Issues.
- **Veterans Park:** No Issues
- **Wyndhill Park:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.

6. Old Business (*All*)

Little League Field Reassignment has begun. Sheds are being cleared and transitioned to new locations.

Ms. Hughes proposed the idea of an outdoor international film festival during the December meeting. Ms. Hughes shared estimate costs for the screening fee and equipment rental which runs around \$1,000 per screening. Due to budgetary limitations, the Parks and Recreation Department is unable to host new events in 2021. Ms. Boccella noted it would be possible to find a community partner to sponsor a screening this summer.

Ms. Hughes also proposed the idea of a plant or seed swap in early spring. This allows community members to exchange plants and seeds from their homes with one another. This event would require no financial commitment.

7. New Business / Public Comments (*All*)

This past fall there was an influx of field rentals requests due to closures across the region as a result of COVID-19. The permit application process is being adjusted to negate concerns this upcoming spring. In the past, applicants were required to have 75% Springfield residents. Ms. Powell noted that 80% would be preferred. Ms. Croke will compare with the School District policy percentage.

8. School District Report (*M. Needleman*)

No update.

9. Commissioners' Report (*E. Graham*)

No update.

10. Call for Adjournment (*E. Croke*)

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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