

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AGENDA**

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

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 839 6550 0605**

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

Dave Morris	Chair
Kerry Boccella	Vice Chair
Sara Hughes	Member
Noelle Powell	Member
Adrienne Smythe	Member
Michael Needleman	School District School Board Representative
Vacant	School District Representative
Emily Croke	Director of Parks and Recreation
Ed T. Graham, Esq.	Commissioner Liaison

Guests:	Robert McGrath	Wyndmoor Resident
	Margret Einarson	Wyndmoor Resident
	Jennie Harris	Wyndmoor Resident
	Joseph Harris	Wyndmoor Resident
	Kristen Devinney	Wyndmoor Resident
	Chris Tomarelli	Springfield Soccer Club, President
	Joseph Kaub	Springfield Little League Softball, President
	Joe Ferraro	Springfield High School, Athletic Director

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

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

**3. Administrative Report** (*E. Croke*)

The Springfield School District has nominated Joe Ferraro to fill the vacant representative position. Mr. Ferraro serves as the Springfield High School Athletic Director. The Board of Commissioners will review the recommendation.

Thank you to Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun for the generous donation to be used at Cisco Park. The funds will go toward beautification efforts this spring season.

The Township Parks and Recreation Department is looking into various fishing hatcheries for the upcoming fishing season. Mr. Morris noted he has contacts and will touch base regarding quantities and costs for Hillcrest Pond and the Sandy Run Quarry.

**4. Recreation Report** (*E. Croke*)

2021 Programming Planning is underway. Summer Camp staff have been contacted regarding Kidz Klubhouse. Several staff will be returning, however, there will be vacancies. The School District is working on approving permit requests. The Travel Softball Program is waiting to be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners. At this point, there is no update on if there will be a 2021 spring season.

**5. Park Report** (*E. Croke*)

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** No Issues.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** Playground Rehabilitation as part of Montco 2040 Grant Application
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **Mermaid Park:** Susquehanna Restoration Grant Application
- **Sandy Run Park:** Walnut Ave. Walking Path Connection for the Montco 2040 Grant Application
- **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*)

Seed Exchange Partnership with Shade Tree: Ms. Hughes proposed the idea of a plant or seed swap in early spring. The Township Shade Tree Commission is looking to partner on the event and will contact Ms. Hughes directly.

Field Permits: The permit application process is being adjusted to negate concerns this upcoming spring. Moving forward, applicants will be required to have 75% Springfield residents. An additional change to the permit agreement features a rest day. No fields will be permitted for use on Fridays. This day will be used as field rest days to prevent overuse. This day is also intended for non-organized, public use. The Park and Recreation Advisory Committee nor the general public made objections to these changes.

**7. New Business** (*All*)

Little League Softball and Baseball Field Improvements: The Springfield Little League Baseball volunteers (SLLB) submitted proposed plans for new dugouts for the Majors Field located in Bysher Park. The dugouts will feature open air concept with a handicap spacing and pathway.

The Springfield Little League Softball volunteers (SLLS) have submitted proposed plans for Veterans Park. The plans include expansion of the parking lot, addition of a 6U field, relocation of the infield mix corral and relocation of the tool shed. Wyndmoor residents Robert McGrath, Margret Einarson, Jennie Harris and Joseph Harris expressed discomfort with the chosen location for the tool shed and infield mix pile. Ms. Einarson noted the park is elevated six feet above the neighboring homes which creates a security issue. The fence to Ms. Einarson's property has been vandalized in the past. Ms. Einarson noted relocating the shed and infield mix will create an attractive nuisance as well as a safety concern. Mr. and Mrs. Harris reiterated the concern for the location as well. Joseph Kaub, President of the Springfield Little League Softball organization, explained the proposed locations were selected primarily due to proximity to the parking lot. Mr. Kaub acknowledged the concerns and noted the plans would be re-evaluated. Ms. Einarson suggested an alternative location could be next to the parking lot along the backside of the neighboring garage. Mrs. Harris agreed the location behind the neighbor's garage would be acceptable. Plans will be reassessed thus no vote was held.

Little Free Library and Bench Project Proposal – Wyndhill Park: Ada Devinney, age 7, proposed her plans to donate a Little Free Library and bench to Wyndhill Park. Miss. Devinney is an avid reader and hopes to share her passion with her neighbors. During the 2020 Pandemic, Ms. Devinney began writing a newspaper called the Wyndmoor Times, which she delivers to about 40 neighbors. Ms. Devinney has

included her design concept as well as the location within Wyndhill Park. The drawing outlines the multitier library design and bench. The location will be close to the playground entrance, under tree cover to protect the donated books from inclement weather. A local builder named Chris Wagler will be donating time and materials for the project. With the assistance of the Public Works Department, the Parks and Recreation Department has agreed to provide the cement foundation for the bench as well as install the Little Free Library. Ms. Devinney is working to fundraise money for the Little Free Library Official Charter. The Park and Recreation Advisory Committee approved Ms. Devinney's proposal.

Memorial Bench Donation at Fulginiti Park: In honor of a lost loved one, a community member is donating a memorial bench and has requested the bench be installed in James R. Fulginiti Park. This location is significant to the donor because it is the location of their former home prior to being raised. The Advisory Committee approved the location request.

**8. Public Comments** (*All*)

Chris Tomarelli requested clarification on Athletic Field Permit Agreement fees and qualifications. All fees remain the same as in 2020. The qualifications are outlined on the Township website.

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

Mr. Needleman shared the demolition of the old Enfield location is on hold. A virtual tour of the new school is available to the public on the school district website.

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

Zoom "bombing" has become more prevalent as of late. Mr. Graham reminded everyone to be very cautious when on zoom. The Springfield Multi-Cultural Parents Association meeting was hacked with offensive visual and audio attacked.

Mr. Graham encouraged everyone to sign up for Township website alerts for weather and refuse alerts.

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

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

**To join and participating in the Zoom Meeting:**

- VIA WEB BROWSER: Copy and paste this link into your web browser:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83965500605>
- VIA ZOOM APP: if you have the Zoom App on your smartphone, tablet, or computer, open the program, click join a meeting, and enter the Meeting ID: **839 6550 0605**
- VIA CALL-IN (no video): Dial +1 646 558 8656 and enter the Meeting ID: **839 6550 0605**
- PASSCODE: **parks**