

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

Dave Morris	Chair
Kerry Boccella	Vice Chair
Sara Hughes	Member
Adrienne Smythe	Member
Neil DiFranco	School District School Board Representative
Joe Ferraro	School District Representative

Guests: Robert McGrath Resident

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

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

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

The Kidz Klubhouse Camp Director and Assistant Director attended a Childhood Anxiety workshop on April 27 at Montgomery Township Community Center. This workshop discussed various methods to help children cope with anxiety after COVID-19.

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

The Parks and Recreation Department has processed \$157,419 since January 1, 2022.

**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:** No Issues.
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **Mermaid Park:** Closed through Fall 2022.
- **Sandy Run Park:** No Issues.
- **Veterans Park:** No Issues
- **Wyndhill Park:** Ms. Croke noted the wood sandbox has become a tripping hazard. The unit is no longer used as a sandbox and should be removal per the request of a resident. The Committee agreed that the box should be removed as it has been identified as a hazard.

Pickleball Court Lines have been installed, full update is outlined below.

- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.
- **Tank Car:** No Issues.
- **Walnut Trail:** Construction of Phase 1 along Walnut Ave. is projected to begin in 2023. Grant applications for Phase 2 will be submitted in 2022. Phase 2 will connect the Walnut Ave trail through Sandy Run Park, under the bridge and connect to the existing trail at the Penn Manor development. A bridge will be utilized to allow pedestrians to cross Sandy Run Creek to and from Penn Manor. The Committee noted this will be beneficial to connecting the Pennsylvania Avenue portion of the Township and increase the Township walkability.

**6. Old Business (All)**

Pickleball Line Project at Wyndhill Park – Completed: The installation of two temporary courts has been completed. The Township approved the installation of temporary pickleball lines on the existing tennis court to measure community use. The court will serve as a dual-purpose court for both tennis and pickleball. The Township has agreed to provide mobile pickleball nets as long as they are stored in the unit for Township resident use. The unit will be locked. The code will be distributed to residents interested in securing access to the nets. The code can be acquired by calling the Township during office hours. The Township office hours are 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Anyone with access to the nets will utilize them with the understanding that they must return the nets back to the unit and lock up at the conclusion of play.

Springfield Little League Softball Scoreboard Installation Update: On April 22, Ms. Croke, Mr. McGrath and Little League Softball President, Terri Hopkins, met to discuss the ideal location for the scoreboard. Both parties mutually agreed upon the best location. Mr. McGrath added he was pleased with the conversation. The Building and Electrical permits have been completed and approved. The Little League will proceed with the installation of the scoreboard.

PRAC By-Laws: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee requested the By-Laws be updated for spelling and grammar errors. No core changes to the By-Laws were made.

**7. New Business (All)**

Community Needs Assessment: This assessment will be completed to gain feedback from the Springfield Township residents on existing parks and recreation programs/services and to assist with current and future Parks and Recreation planning efforts. The Committee discussed the possibility that residents are unaware of the amenities available to them. Mr. DiFranco noted the use of ArcGIS would be a great tool to map local parks, open space and trails. Residents would then have access to this program in order to identify which amenities are located near their home.

**8. Public Comments (All)**

Mr. McGrath noted “Keep up the good work!”

**9. School District Report (N. DiFranco)**

Mr. DiFranco noted the former Enfield Elementary demolition has been completed. The contractors are moving on to begin the storm water management portion of the project.

Mr. Ferraro noted the public hours for use of the high school track have been updated and will again be updated when the school year concludes. The high school stadium will be closed from May 27 through June 19 for school graduations. Mr. Ferraro also noted the school will be planting privacy trees to lend additional shade cover to the stadium lighting along Fraser Road.

**10. Commissioners’ Report (S. Ratsavong)**

No report.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 6:30 pm. *Recess for July and August.*