

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

Vacant

Kerry Boccella

Nick Matteo

Vacant

Adrienne Smythe

Neil DiFranco

Susanna Ratsavong

Chair

Vice Chair

Friends of Hillcrest Pond Representative

Member

Member

School District School Board Representative

Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2

Guests: Robert McGrath

Wyndmoor Resident

2. Review Notes from October (*All*)(*No Vote*)

3. Administrative Report (*E. Baiada*)

The Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair selected and voted unanimously for Kerry Boccella to serve as Chair and Adrienne Smythe to serve as Vice Chair.

4. Recreation Report (*E. Baiada*)

Throughout the month of October, programs included Martial Arts, Yoga, Jump Start Soccer Clinic, Magarity Tennis, Springfield Township Softball, and the Springfield Township Fall Soccer League, Springfield Travel Basketball League. Across all programs during the month of October, 592 individuals participated in recreational programming.

5. Park Report (*E. Baiada*)

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiamonte 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:** Project Complete
- **Sandy Run Park:** Porta john burned down on 10/9/2022.
- **Veterans Park:** New trashcan and concrete pad installed.
- **Wyndhill Park:** Wood sandbox removal in winter months.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.
- **Tank Car:** No Issues.
- **Walnut Trail:** No Update.

6. Old Business (*All*)

Trail Survey - Closes November 4: The Trail Survey will closes on November 4. Community members are encouraged to complete the survey before the closure date.

Community Needs Assessment Review: The Committee reviewed the data collected from the Needs Assessment survey that was conducted over the summer months.

7. New Business *(All)*

Canada Goose Overpopulation – Cisco Park: Nick Matteo, Friends of Hillcrest Pond, noted the population of geese has grown over the past year. The field and walkway around the park are the primary areas for the geese to rest. In their wake, they leave behind a large volume of fecal matter. Geese return to where they hatch every year. Although the geese migrate, they will return on an annual basis. Local sport groups utilize the fields and are exposed to the conditions during play. The issue stems from park guests feeding the water fowl. Geese will stay close to the source of food. The PRAC members discussed hanging signage in the spring to remind park guests that feeding the waterfowl is in violation of the Township ordinances and can have detrimental impacts on the surrounding area.

8. Public Comments *(All)*

Mermaid Park: Mr. McGrath noted that the Mermaid Park project has received positive feedback from his neighbors. Several people are excited to utilize the walking path and hope to see more trails installed in Township parks.

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

Mr. DiFranco noted the former Enfield site project is still underway. It is anticipated the fields will be open for usage for the spring sport season.

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

Commissioner Ratsavong noted the Needs Assessment should be compiled into graph form to allow for easier interpretation. Members of the PRAC discussed which member could compile the data for the December meeting. In light of the data received, the PRAC will discuss the future of youth sport league that are facilitated by the Township Parks and Recreation staff.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm