

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.  
DRAFT MINUTES**

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

Kerry Boccella	Chair
Adrienne Smythe	Vice Chair
Nick Matteo	Friends of Hillcrest Pond Representative
Lee Abberley	Member
Robert McGrath	Member
Neil DiFranco	School District School Board Representative
Cara Green	School District Representative
Susanna Ratsavong	Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2
Guests: Danielle Mathews	Springfield Little League Softball
Tom McGeehan	Springfield Little League Baseball
Christine Heser	Walnut Avenue Steering Committee Member

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

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

**3. Agenda Item Public Comment** (*All*)

No public comment.

**4. Administrative Report** (*E. Baiada*)

No report.

**5. Recreation Report** (*E. Baiada*)

Throughout the month of December, programs included Martial Arts, Yoga, Jump Start Basketball Clinic, Soccer Shots Clinic, After School Pottery Class, Adult Watercolor Class, and the Youth Recreation Basketball League. During the month of December, 502 individuals participated in recreational programming.

**6. Park Report** (*E. Baiada*)

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** No Issues.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** Rehabilitation Project Update - 2024
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **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.
- **Walnut Avenue Master Site Plan Committee:** Request for Proposal under review by Board.
- **Walnut Trail:** No update.
- **Recreation Center Advisory Committee:** Firm interviews to occur January 4

**7. Old Business** (*All*)

Cisco Park Design Review: In Spring 2024, the Township is scheduled to complete the Cisco Park Playground Rehabilitation project. The Committee reviewed the design plans which feature sensory equipment, multi-generational play structures and paved ADA pathways. The Committee formally requested the installation of benches in or surrounding the playground perimeter.

Final Review of 2024 Land Use Agreement: After feedback received from neighbors of Veterans Park, Marlow Park and Bysher Park, the Committee reviewed the expiring Land Use Agreement between the Township and Springfield Little League Baseball and Springfield Little League Softball. After discussion, the Committee made minor changes to the agreement verbiage to address residual issues experienced during past seasons. A majority of the Committee voted to approve the 2024 Land Use Agreement which featured various updates to accommodate neighborhood requests pending. The Land Use Agreement will be for 2024 only and will be revisited at the end of the year to review if necessary changes were made.

**8. New Business** (*All*)

No new business.

**9. General Public Comment** (*All*)

No public comment.

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

The School District will be cohosting an Open House on January 10<sup>th</sup> with the Engineering firm responsible for the upcoming Middle School expansion project. The general public is invited to partake in an informative discussion and will have an opportunity to tour the current facility.

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

Commissioners Ratsavong reported a review of the December Commissioners meeting. The Township approved the 2024 Budget with no tax increase. The Police Department was recognized for receiving Accreditation. The Rotary pavilion and pad donation were accepted.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm