

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

Dave Morris	Chair
Kerry Boccella	Vice Chair
Sara Hughes	Member
Adrienne Smythe	Member
Emily Croke	Director of Parks and Recreation

Guests:	Carmel Archdekin	Resident, Skate Park Supporter
	Aidrian Archdekin	Resident, Skate Park Supporter
	Greg Hiestand	Resident, Skate Park Supporter
	Jonah Hiestand	Resident, Skate Park Supporter
	Porter Brookes	Resident, Skate Park Supporter

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

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

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

No report.

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

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted two “No School Play Day” programs for children on Monday, November 22 through Wednesday, November 24. The two programs offered were Jump Start Sports Play Day and GeoVentures Spy Training. A total of 48 children participated, producing a net of \$1,632. The No School Play Day programs received positive reviews. Several families noted the programs provided childcare at a reasonable cost. No School Play Days will continue for the remainder of the school year.

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

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** Basketball court lights off 12/10.
- **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:** No Issues.
- **Sandy Run Park:** Quarry closing on 12/1.
- **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*)

Trail Planning Team Interest: Adrienne Smythe expressed interest in being included in future trail planning discussions.

Erdenheim Civic Association – Cisco Park Improvement Partnership: ECA will work to fundraise toward the Cisco Park Rehabilitation project.

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

Skate Park Recommendation Request: Carmel Archdekin and her son Adrian Archdekin presented a project proposal for the Springfield Township Skate Park based on the community's need for diversified recreation. The most viable location resides in Wyndmoor at Laurel Beech Park. The grass patch next to the current playground is the anticipated footprint. This area has limited impact on homes and is accessible by a network of sidewalks found throughout Wyndmoor. Parking is available on site for residents who drive from Oreland or Erdenheim.

Project costs range from \$300,000 to \$460,000. Mrs. Archdekin indicated access to funding was not a concern as many skate park families involved in the proposal will pledge funds. Additionally, grant applications will also be obtained independent of the Township. In conjunction with the installation of the skate park, the Springfield Skateboard Group intends on hosting community cleanups. Similar to programs seen in neighboring communities, the Skate Group would be accept responsibility for keeping the park clear of trash and debris.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending the project to the Board of Commissioners. The recommendation is contingent upon Mrs. Archdekin and the Springfield Skateboard Group raising half of the funds for the project while the Township match the remaining half. The location selected by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is the grass patch located next to the existing Laurel Beech playground.

### Park Naming Policy

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the updated procedure.

### Park Signage Review:

The Committee voted unanimously in favor pending the update of three grammatical errors.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm or 7:00 pm (TBD)