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**PARK & RECREATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 24, 2022**

**PRESENT:** JEFF WILLIAMS, LAUREN SANKER, NICK CHRISTIE – MEMBERS; James Cochran, Township Commissioner; Richard Castranio, Township Commissioner; Chad Krebs, Parks Director; Eddie Mera-Aguilar, Parks & Facilities Coordinator; Julie Roth, Recording Secretary

This meeting did not meet the required number of members to meet quorum. These minutes are informational only.

**VISITORS**

Tracy and Jim Waughen- 2188 Canterbury Drive  
Jim Salter, Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Girls' Softball

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

All present introduced themselves.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the July 28, 2022, meeting were approved through email before the meeting took place on August 24th. There were no corrections to the minutes.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Williams presented Julie Roth with flowers and thanked her for her hard work taking the minutes for the meetings each month.

Mr. Williams mentioned that the Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Baseball Association 8U all-star team won and are now the World Series Champions. He added that there will be a parade this Friday at 6:45 pm that starts at Fisher Park. Mr. Salter, Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Girls' Softball, mentioned that the parade will go into Meadowview Estates and then into Canterbury Estates. He added that the parade will have the Blue Moon Cruisers and fire trucks along with a few others participating.

## **CHAIRMAN'S RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

### **1. *Township Commissioners – James Cochran/Richard Castranio***

Commissioner Cochran stated that he doesn't feel the Township's noise ordinance is clear. He added that a decibel meter should be used on South Field at Fisher Park and the readings should be taken at the edge of the field and then again at the closest building. Mr. Williams added that everyone's noise tolerance level is different.

### **2. *Assistant Township Manager – Kelly Palmer***

Absent.

### **3. *Parks Director – Chad Krebs***

Mr. Krebs stated that the paving has started at Winding Hills Park North, but the signs are on backorder. He added that there is a preconstruction meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> regarding Field 4 at the park. Mr. Williams mentioned that the split rail fence at Fisher Park looks great. Mr. Krebs added that there is discussion on installing a volleyball court at Fisher Park and Winding Hills Park, but they might only put in one to see how much it is used.

### **4. *Parks & Facilities Coordinator- Eddie Mera-Aguilar***

Mr. Mera-Aguilar mentioned that he is doing weekly park inspections and so far, only finding a loose bolt here and there. He added that the large playgrounds are weekly, and the smaller playgrounds are every other week.

### **5. *Mechanicsburg Recreation Department – Sue Canniff***

Ms. Canniff mentioned that the summer camps and programs have completed, and the fall brochure is currently at the printers. She added that the registration for fall programs is open. Ms. Canniff mentioned that she will try to have the end of summer report by the next meeting. She added that the staff retreat where they go over the surveys from the summer programs has been pushed back to November.

## **PARK ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Christie mentioned that Simpson Park looked awesome, and Center Square Park was very similar.

Mr. Williams mentioned that the goals were removed from Country Estates Park and the park is clean and looks good. He added that there were thirteen tubers at McCormick Park while he was there. Mr. Williams stated that there is about \$3,200 left in grant money and t-shirt sales for the Dog Park and a few ramps could be purchased with that money. He stated that will be in discussion with the Dog Park Committee at their meeting in September. Mr. Williams mentioned that the bench dedication for John Burch is pushed back to November and there might be an open house event to go along with it.

Ms. Sanker mentioned that Grantham Park looked perfect but the plexiglass on the front of the sign in the back corner of the park is broken.

Mr. Williams stated that all members not present reported that their parks looked great.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Tracy and Jim Waughen, 2188 Canterbury Drive, introduced themselves. They asked if anything came from their discussion at the last meeting regarding the sound system at Fisher Park and Mr. Krebs stated that the one speaker from South Field was facing their development, but it has since been turned. He also mentioned that the Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Baseball Association is creating a policy for supervision when the sound system is being used. Mr. Waughen stated that for the last movie night in the park, he could not hear the movie playing. Ms. Waughen asked what they are to do and who to contact if it does get excessive again and Mr. Williams replied that he doesn't expect it to get excessive and that the Township has worked with the association to make changes, but they should accept the fact that there will be noise coming out of a park. Ms. Waughen stated that she doesn't think it will get bad again until Spring as there are not as many games during the fall. Mr. Williams mentioned that something has been done and we can go from there.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Fisher Park Playground Equipment**

Mr. Krebs presented the different color options for the playgrounds at Fisher Park and pitched the idea of a different color scheme for each playground area. For the large 5-12 age playground area Ms. Sanker like the sea breeze color and the other members agreed. Mr. Krebs showed the different choices for the tot lot and the sea breeze color was also selected. Mr. Williams asked to have the color on the small house changed from black and Ms. Sanker agreed that it would be too hot in the heat for an all-black house. Mr. Williams mentioned that the stand alone play area should be a different color than the main area and the colors decided on were blue and green with a purple slide.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. 1340 E Lisburn Park Name Discussion**

Mr. Krebs mentioned that the name Generations Park has been mentioned for the park at 1340 E. Lisburn Road. Mr. Christie stated that it sounds better than saying the address for the name. Ms. Sanker mentioned that she feels like a word might be missing from that name. Mr. Williams stated that the park is brandable and will be an exceptional park but feels the name is a little too simple. Commissioner Cochran added that they are looking for something a little different but unique. Mr. Williams asked for time to think about the name and will let Mr. Krebs know within two weeks.

### **2. Trick or Treat Night**

Mr. Mera-Aguilar mentioned that they would like to hold a trick or treat event at the park where they have employees volunteering to hand out candy along with the police and fire departments. Mr. Christie stated he thinks this is a great idea and Mr. Williams added he is all for creating a safe area for kids to trick or treat. Ms. Sanker asked if the police and fire trucks would still drive through the developments, and she was told they would. Mr. Williams asked who would be running the event and Mr. Krebs and Mr. Mera-Aguilar stated they would.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. With no further business to discuss, Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Roth  
Recording Secretary