

Plumstead Township
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2018

Call to Order

By Richard McNutt at 7:30 pm

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Richard McNutt, Donna DeStefano, Tim Counihan, Ryan (John) Adamson, Mike Snyder, Lois Fedele

Others Present: Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager; Nick Lykon, Twp Supervisor

Absent: Chuck Lang; Caitlin Johnson, Twp Recreation Programming Coordinator

Public Attendees – Rob Jeminey, resident at 4783 Landisville Rd

Quorum to conduct Committee business

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from February into record.

New Business

- A Plumstead Twp resident, Rob Jeminey who lives next to Allohaken Park wanted to make us aware that he has witnessed some suspect activity including after-hours loitering and possible drug dealing in the parking lot as well as dumping of construction materials. We discussed ways to discourage this and it was proposed that the township could post warning signs that the area has video cameras and make police aware of this activity, so they can increase monitoring of the area.
- Th upcoming Easter Egg Hunt will take place rain or shine. Eggs are stuffed and ready to go. It was proposed that next year we buy the larger plastic eggs that better fit the candy; and the many bags of smaller plastic eggs can be donated. As in the past, Donna will ask both Giant supermarkets in the township to donate the prizes for the winners of the egg hunt.
- Carolyn McCreary provided the committee with a Parks and Recreation Update (ATTACHED) which outlines the details of many of the upcoming events scheduled this year (Yoga, STEM, Dog Training, Theatre Camp, Kickball, Easter Egg Hunt, Movies in the Park, Camp Plumstead)
- Further discussing on next year's Holiday Tree Lighting with suggestions to have it take place earlier in December and ways to attract more attendance or hold it at Hanusey Park. Donna felt strongly that the current Tree Lighting tradition should continue at Veterans Park. We discussed planning another 'holiday' event at Hanusey Park that would not compete with the Veterans

Tree Lighting to make use of the facility and attract the families in the large nearby neighborhoods during the fall/winter holidays.

- It was reported that Jennifer Schweitzer Park has some recent graffiti that needs to be removed and some minor maintenance issues that will require attention.
- There is continued interest in a Disc Golf course for Allohaken Park – and it was suggested that a potential Eagle Scout project would be to build a foot bridge across the creek to access the trail to the future disc golf course. (Similar to Owls Nest)
- Richard asked about the Mountainside property progress. According to Nick and Carolyn, the purchase of the property continues to move forward - hopefully in 2019.
- Donna mentioned scheduling another Scavenger Hunt for the fall of 2018. The last one was done in 2016 and it was a great way to introduce participants to the various points of interest in the township and surrounding area. Some ideas of places to visit included the Art Sculptures in NH; the Trail Head of Pt. Pleasant Com. Park; Ralph Stover Park – Doan’s Cave; Malmark Bells, local farms, covered bridges, local brewery, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

The next P & R meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Fedele, P & R Secretary