

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
15 June 2015
6:00 PM**

In Attendance

Board Members:

Sherry Nichols-Chair
Sid Martin-Vice Chair
Steve Wolf
Les Jones

Absent:

Andy Mears
John Kerchner

Staff:

David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

Attendees

Bob Laudeman
Bruce Wargo
Diane Wargo
Gil Chapman
Mary Chapman

1. Call To Order:

Nichols

Ms. Nichols called the meeting to order at 6 pm. She welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action on Minutes: (20 April 2015)

Mr. Jones moved to accept the 20 April 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Martin was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens:

Laudeman

Mr. Laudeman from the York County Special Olympics indicated that the committee is scheduled to meet to discuss what type of financial commitment they plan to make for the development of bocce courts at Springettsbury Park. Not sure where the committee stands at this point.

Wendel

Mr. Wendel requested that this information be forwarded no later than the end of July so we can consider whether any financial or in-kind support for the project can be provided by the Township in preparation for our 2016 budget.

M. Chapman

Ms. Chapman asked whether there were any plans to replace the playground equipment that was removed from Augustus Schaefer Park.

- Wendel** Mr. Wendel indicated that a Master Plan was developed in 2009 for Augustus Schaefer Park which can be found on the Township website for review. In 2009 the Township was gifted land for an easement from Davidson Drive into the park to improve accessibility. In 2010, we applied for grant funds through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for accessibility improvements to the park. Unfortunately, we were not awarded funds for the project. Our insurance carrier advised the Township to remove the playground equipment due to safety concerns and potential liability. Currently, there are no plans to replace the equipment. The priority is to improve accessibility before any consideration can be given to adding new equipment. Mr. Wendel reported that there are 4 parks in close proximity to Augustus Schaefer Park that have playground equipment including two within walking distance, Stonewood Park and Camp Security Park.
- M. Chapman** Ms. Chapman expressed concerns about a dead tree with limbs hanging over the backstop at the baseball field.
- Wendel** Mr. Wendel will inspect and advise Public Works on the condition of the tree.
- G. Chapman** Mr. Chapman asked about new playground equipment at Augustus Schaefer Park.
- Nichols** Ms. Nichols indicated that it's not a priority project at this time. Currently, we are working on replacing the playground equipment at Springettsbury Park.

4. Communication from Board Members: None Reported.

5. Director's Report:

- Wendel** Mr. Wendel reported on the following agenda items:
- **Summer Playground:** The program started today. The staff concluded a week of training including First Aid/CPR. We are providing services at nine locations throughout the Township. Currently, registration is down from the same time period as last year, nearly 30%. The decrease is most likely due to the registration fee that was established this year.
 - **Sounds of Summer:** Concert season started on Sunday, June 7. We have had large crowds and pleasant weather for our first three concerts. Fireworks are scheduled on Sunday, July 5.
 - **Summer Brochure:** The brochure was mailed in mid-May. Schedule of events and programs is diverse from youth programs and trips to senior activities and a variety of fitness classes.

6. Old Business: Playground Project:

- Wendel** Mr. Wendel reported that General Recreation, our playground equipment vendor is working on developing a website to gain public input on the design of the new playground. There will be a link from the Township's website to access. We are also working on scheduling public input sessions at the Creative Playground to capture as much information from

our users to help in the design process. We plan to hold one or two in July including morning and evening sessions. Additionally, we will have our summer playground participants provide their playground design ideas through creative art activities and the opportunity to select their favorite pieces.

- 7. New Business:** **None Reported.**
- 8. Announcements:** Next meeting Monday, July 20 at 6 pm
- 9. Adjournment:** Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.