

## Recreation Board Minutes

March 20th, 2017 6:00pm

Rec Board: Sherry Nichols, Andy Mears, Steve Wolf, John Kerchner,  
Sean Georgi, Nancy McDowell

Director: Colin Lacey

Third Party: Will Hemler (Gen-Rec)

With the absences of Steve Wolf, John Kerchner and Sean Georgi the Parks & Recreation Board was unable to hold a quorum. The meeting proceeded as scheduled.

Colin began the meeting by welcoming Nancy McDowell to the Parks & Recreation Board, a brief overview of the Board's past doings and current topics was brought forth at this time to provide Nancy with information and talking points. There were no community members in attendance for this meeting, the Board transitioned into agenda item number 4 regarding the Playground Volunteers.

Colin addressed the current status of the volunteers to the board, stating that he has been in contact with several companies/organizations who will be taking part in the community build specifically handling a play component that requires 15 to 20 volunteers collectively. Colin also highlighted the procedure that will be used for the community build day May 27, where 84 – 100 volunteers are systematically needed. On this day the 84 volunteers will be broken down into 9 different groups and each group consisting of 5 to 20 volunteers depending on the play component being built. Each group will be assigned a specific build component in which they will be designated to complete with the instructional guidance of General Recreation Employees. It is strongly suggested that once the volunteer begins in their respective group that the volunteer ends with this same group for efficiency purposes. Each member will check-in and receive a T-shirt on this day before he or she can proceed to build. For each different group, there will be a different colored shirt, organizing who belongs to which group. This procedure should provide organization and personal ownership by the volunteer. As a Board we will work on providing food and beverages for all volunteers continuously through the 8:00am start time and to the 5:00pm end time. The board's main goal for the build day is to provide fluidity and functionality throughout the duration of this day. Adding momentum, encouragement and successful direction to the completion of the build.

The next agenda item addressed by the Recreation Board was the development of a 1 year and 5 year Strategic Plan provided by the department. This plan will provide a goal in the department's direction and growth. The Board discussed several ideas for the 5 year plan, such as a township recreation facility, water/splash park, bocce ball courts as well as disc golf course. The Board will refer to the Comprehensive Plan that was done in 2008, to compare progress in which was accomplish between then and now. As for a 1 year strategic plan, the department will look to incorporate accessible technology, such as apps for smartphones that will specifically highlight times, dates and any changes that may occur. Programmatically the department needs more functional usage for registration and the convenience of displaying the latest program information. In turn the result will bring a larger amount of registrants to our programs and events by the convenient access to information. Having this progressive foundation in place will make for managing and operating a recreation facility or splash park more feasible and more purposeful with this technology in place. This technology will manage community engagement and boosting interest to all that the Township has to offer. I want to see the Parks and Recreation Department become the door of opportunity for the township as a whole.