

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
19 November 2007**

In Attendance: Board Members: Gary Foller, Chairman
Steve Wolf, Vice Chairman
Veronica Sinclair-Anderson
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber
Barry Bloss

Others in Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

1. Call To Order:

Foller Chairman Foller called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (17 September 2007)

Ms. Nichol's moved to accept the 17 September 2007 meeting minutes. Ms. Weber was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens: None Reported

4. Communication from Board Members:

Foller Mr. Foller indicated that a resident of the condominium community located next to Springetts Oaks Park inquired as to whether the Township has plans on connecting the existing gravel path behind the condos with the east side of the park and sidewalk along Pleasant Valley Road.

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported that a plan is not in place to construct additional walking paths at this time. The area around the perimeter of the soccer field will have to be examined to determine whether a walking path could fit into the existing layout without impacting the field or drainage areas. It is our goal to provide walking paths in all parks which have the appropriate size and layout to do so.

5. Recreation Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Saturday in the Park:** Large crowd, great weather made for a successful event. No problems to report.

Foller Mr. Foller reported that the additional turf utility vehicles provided by York County Park were very beneficial.

Nichols Ms. Nichols indicated that it would be helpful if the turf utility vehicle and tools were made available at the conclusion of the event so the volunteers could get an earlier start on picking up the signs.

- Wolf** Mr. Wolf stated that attendance was great and he received several positive comments.
- Wendel** Mr. Wendel mentioned that he will communicate the Board's comments to the Saturday in the Park planning committee.
- **Master Plan:** The Study Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 pm.
 - **Penn Oaks Park:** The project has been placed out to bid. Will open and review bids on Friday, November 30, 2007. The project could be awarded before the end of the year if the project is within budget and the successful bidder meets conditions for approval.
 - **Sponsorship:** Full cost recovery was achieved with Saturday in the Park. Cost recovery for Sounds of Summer was over 90% which included sponsorship, commission fees and grants.
 - **Holiday Tree Lighting:** The event featured several musical group performances from the Central York Middle School. Santa arrived with sirens blaring in one of the Township's fire vehicles. He was greeted by a few hundred people in attendance. Free hot chocolate was provided by Starbucks. Free snacks were also made available. Other event sponsors included Commerce Bank, First National Bank, First Capital Engineering, Fulton Financial Advisors, Hueters Greenhouses and Stauffers of Kissel Hill. The event concluded with prizes for the ornament contest winners and the tree lighting honors done by Bill Schenck.
- Wolf** Mr. Wolf thought it was a very nice event and well attended.
- **Winter Brochure:** The brochure was mailed last week and should be in every Township household and business in the coming weeks.
 - **Annual Report:** The 2007 Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report was distributed to the Board. They were requested to review the document and discuss, if necessary, at our January meeting.
- 6. Old Business:**
- Wolf** **Garden Club:** Mr. Wolf reported on the research he had conducted on the development of a garden club. He referenced the National Garden Club of America and other organizations that provide similar services. He will continue to gather information as the Board investigates the communities interest in such a program.
- Wendel** **Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan:** The plan was reviewed and approved by the Springettsbury Township Planning Commission at their November 15 meeting. The plan will be submitted and reviewed by the York County Planning Commission before being presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval and adoption.
- Wendel** **Dog Friendly Parks:** We are still waiting for the solicitor to review the ordinance. I will get an update from the Manager.

7. New Business:

Wendel **Spring Meadow Project:** The size of the land dedication for recreation purposes does not meet the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance which requires (3) acres. As a result, the Board recommended accepting the fee in-lieu of land.

Mr. Wolf moved to recommend the fee in-lieu of land. Mr. Bloss was second. Motion unanimously carried.

Wendel Mr. Foller will be out of the area during the months of January, February and March. Mr. Wolf volunteered to lead the meetings in his absence. In January however, Mr. Bloss will lead the Board meeting in Mr. Wolfs absence.

8. Announcements: Next meeting Monday, January 21 at 7pm

9. Adjournment:

Foller Chairman Foller adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

**Springettsbury Township
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17 September 2007**

In Attendance: Board Members: Gary Foller, Chairman
Steve Wolf, Vice Chairman
Veronica Sinclair-Anderson
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber
Barry Bloss

Others in Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

1. Call To Order:

Foller Chairman Foller called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (20 August 2007)

Ms. Weber moved to accept the 20 August 2007 meeting minutes. Mr. Bloss was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens: None Reported

4. Communication from Board Members:

Nichols Ms. Nichol's inquired about the status of the southwest corner of Springettsbury Park. She indicated that a skate park or other types of facilities should be considered.

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported that our landscape architect has provided a rendering of the area to explore our options for future park development. When the time comes to further assess our options for developing this area, the Parks and Recreation Board will be actively involved in the process.

5. Recreation Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Saturday in the Park:** The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 29. Volunteer orientation is scheduled for Monday. There are three different times scheduled to pickup volunteer information.
- **Master Site Plans:** The Study Committee has been established. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of October. Mr. Wolf will participate on the committee.
- **Penn Oaks Park:** We are still waiting on permit approval. Furthermore, the budget will need to be reviewed and adjusted due to cost increases.

- **Garden Club:** Discussed the development of a garden club to help establish and maintain the garden plots located in front of the office in Springettsbury Park.

Wolf Mr. Wolf indicated he would draft a proposal to share with the Board at our October meeting.

6. Old Business:

Mr. Wendel reported that the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation to allow dogs in Township parks was addressed by the Board of Supervisors at their last meeting. The Board of Supervisors requested more detailed information on how dogs in Township parks would be managed and enforced. Based on the Board of Supervisors comments, Mr. Wendel drafted rules and provided detail on a pet waste disposal system to be installed at each park location. The information was forwarded to the Township Manager for review.

7. New Business:

Mr. Wendel inquired as to whether there were any recommended changes to the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan. Since no changes or recommendations were made, Mr. Wendel indicated that the next step is for the Township Planning Commission to review and approve the plan.

Ms. Nichol's moved to accept the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space plan and recommend that it be reviewed by the Township Planning Commission. Mr. Wolf was second. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Announcements: Next meeting Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7pm

9. Adjournment:

Foller Chairman Foller adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

**Springettsbury Township
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Meeting Minutes
20 August 2007**

In Attendance: Board Members: Gary Foller, Chairman
Steve Wolf, Vice Chairman
Veronica Sinclair-Anderson
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber

Others in Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brit Mundy, Stoneybrook Playground Director

1. Call To Order:

Foller Chairman Foller called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (18 June 2007)

Mr. Wolf moved to accept the 18 June 2007 meeting minutes as corrected. Ms. Weber was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens: None Reported

4. Communication from Board Members:

Wolf Mr. Wolf discussed a recent fire in a Maryland playground. Apparently the fire ignited in the shredded mulch section around the playground equipment. As such, Mr. Wolf posed the question: Do we have or use material that can catch fire?

Wendel Mr. Wendel advised that he wasn't sure; however, he wasn't aware of any material (shredded mulch) that would be flame retardant. He further advised that he would inquire and update the board in a future meeting.

5. Recreation Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Summer Playground (provided hand-outs w/ Park 2007 information):** Park registration reached its highest recorded level at 931. At our 9 park locations, you would find on average 414 youth a day participating in a variety of structured activities. The daily average attendance per park was 46. On average 130 youth participated in weekly tournaments and 465 in biweekly league games. Additionally, nearly 1000 pieces of artwork were on display at the annual Arts/Crafts Exhibit at the Galleria Mall. In analyzing the data, Pleasureville had lower attendance than expected. Mr. Wendel

advised that he may have to consider discontinuing services at this location if registration does not increase next year.

- Weber** Ms. Weber asked if churches or community groups could bus kids in to help increase park attendance at that location.
- Wendel** Mr. Wendel stated that he wouldn't suggest offering that type of arrangement because of potential liability issues and because typically kids are able to come and go as they please.
- Wolf** After reviewing the provided hand-outs, Mr. Wolf made the observation that Springettsbury Park's registration and attendance had the largest discrepancy in numbers among the nine parks.
- Wendel** Mr. Wendel stated that Springettsbury Park with its central location is often the drop off for kids who either don't reside in the Township or those new to the community who are not familiar with the neighborhood parks. It's very transient in that there isn't a specific neighborhood that feeds the program. Without a core group of kids participating daily, the attendance fluctuates more at this location than any other.
- Wendel** At this point in the Director's Report, Mr. Wendel asked to go out of order of the agenda and introduced an invited guest, Mr. Brit Mundy, who provided a video presentation. The video chronicled "a day at the park-2007" of the staff and youth at the Stony Brook Elementary School site (Yorklyn).
- Mundy** Mr. Mundy provided a brief background on his employment with the Parks and Recreation Department and the making of the video.
- Wendel & Board** Mr. Wendel and Board Members thanked Mr. Mundy for taking time from his busy schedule to present the videography. The video was interesting, entertaining, and enjoyed by all.
- Wendel** At this point, Mr. Wendel asked to return to the scheduled agenda items.
- **Concert Series:**
 - Concert series concluded on August 12, 2007;
 - Concert program was provided for review;
 - Over 26,000 people attended the series;
 - An article about the Concert Series was highlighted in the Daily Record Newspaper.
 - **Sponsorship:**
 - There were 42 sponsors in total;
 - This year, Parks and Recreation is close to recovering all of the costs of the concert series;
 - In addition to a large number of sponsors this year, the list of sponsorships was very diverse from local businesses to large corporations.

- **On-Line Registration:**
 - 151 citizens have taken advantage of on-line registration;
 - Presently, registration is up;
 - Citizens are registering for a variety of programs; and
 - Because of updates to the website this year, citizens are now able to view parks for availability and pavilion use, download forms and retrieve more information about Parks and Recreation.

- **Master Site Plans – Committee:**
 - The committee has been established and Mr. Steve Wolf has agreed to represent the Board.

- **Penn Oaks Park Project:**
 - The Department of Environmental Protection permits have been submitted.

- **Comprehensive Plan:**
 - KSK/YSM will deliver the final plan at the end of this month;
 - Presently finalizing the graphic design.

- **Saturday In The Park:**
 - Volunteer forms have gone out and staff is preparing for the event.

- **Grants:**
 - Parks and Recreation has two active grants
 - \$30,000 for Master Site Plans from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and
 - \$1,000 for protective playground surfacing through Penn Prime.

6. Old Business:

Wendel

Friends of the Park:

- Developed tri-fold informational/registration pamphlet;
 - Tri-fold mailed with personalized letter
- Mailed tri-fold to 700 households
 - Households identified through park-registered-kids from summer playground program

Foller

Mr. Foller asked about making a donation to the Concert Series as a Board.

Board

The Board agreed to make a donation by becoming a Friend Of The Park. The membership will apply to the 2008 season.

Dog Friendly Parks:

- On the Board of Supervisor's Agenda for Thursday, August 23rd meeting
- Hand-out provided regarding a Pet Waste Disposal System used at a park in Manchester Township

7. New Business:

Nichols Ms. Nichols' inquired as to when discussion can occur regarding adding new elements to Springettsbury Park such as a playground or skate park for example.

Wendel Mr. Wendel stated that discussion regarding this matter can occur at any point, but did advise that in order for it to receive its optimal opportunity for review and/or action, the information should be provided before he sends in the Parks and Recreation preliminary budget. Furthermore, it would be helpful to have a site plan accompany the interest or information to study the feasibility of such additions.

8. Announcements: Next meeting Monday, September 17, 2007 at 7pm

9. Adjournment:

Foller Chairman Foller adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
18 June 2007**

In Attendance: Board Members: Gary Foller, Chairman
Steve Wolf, Vice Chairman
Veronica Sinclair-Anderson
Barry Bloss
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber

Others in Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

1. Call To Order:

Foller Chairman Foller called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (21 May 2007)

Ms. Weber moved to accept the 21 May 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Nichols was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens: None Reported

4. Communication from Board Members:

Foller Mr. Foller received communication regarding concerns about the field conditions at the Fayfield baseball field. Gravel has washed on to home plate and parts of the infield area.

Wolf Mr. Wolf inquired about field grading.

Nichols Ms. Nichols suggested asking the Department of Public Works staff to address the field concerns.

Wendel Mr. Wendel advised that he would go to Fayfield Park and assess the field conditions. Mr. Wendel further indicated that in the past he had encouraged York Little League to drag the field and assist in maintenance. He will contact the Department of Public Works regarding the field concerns.

5. Recreation Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Concert Series:** The first concert was held last night (Sunday, 17 June). Reported that it received a good response with a large crowd.

Foller Mr. Foller was in attendance and agreed that the crowd was very large.

Bloss Mr. Bloss stated that citizens were setting up and reserving seats by noon on Sunday.

Weber Ms. Weber asked if donation boxes were available as in the past.

Wendel Mr. Wendel advised that boxes were available and this past concert was the first of seventeen.

- **Summer Playground – 1st day activity:**
 - Kingston Park registered over 70 youth
 - Springettsbury Park registered over 50 youth
 - Pleasureville registration was down—the park requires at least 25 registrations and 30 were acquired
 - Stoneybrook Park had 25 pre-registered; however, only fourteen youth were in attendance on opening day;
 - Overall, nearly 500 children were pre-registered. Our goal is 1000. Registration notices were posted in several areas. Parks and Recreation is still accepting registration throughout the summer.
- **Registration:** Many citizens have used the on-line registration system. In addition, the Parks and Recreation website has been a useful tool when inquiring about pavilion availability. Citizen comments indicate that the feature is very helpful and informative.
- **Master Site Plan:** Received a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). As such, Mr. Wendel is preparing to form a committee to hold approximately six meetings over a period of 12 months. Would like the committee to have seven members preferably living in the neighborhoods located in the northwest and southeast quadrants of the Township. The committee will be charged with studying the three locations of North Hills, Pleasureville and August Schaefer. In addition, Mr. Wendel would like one member of the Parks and Recreation Board to sit on the committee and report its results at board meetings. The committee should begin Fall 2007.

Wolf Mr. Wolf volunteered to sit on the committee; however, an alternate will also be assigned.

- **Penn Oaks Park Project:** There should be permit information to report by the July meeting.

Wolf Mr. Wolf inquired if there were any communications from citizens regarding the wetlands and parking.

Wendel Mr. Wendel advised that he has not received any inquiries.

- **Concert Sponsorship:** Parks and Recreation received a commitment for approximately \$30K +for the summer concert series. Once the totals are in, Parks and Recreation is hoping to recover all of its costs through sponsorship and vendor commissions and fees. Presently, Harley Davidson had the largest sponsorship @ \$15K. Others are primarily from performance and ad sponsorships.

- Nichols** Ms. Nichols inquired about participation from small businesses in the Galleria Mall.
- Wendel** Mr. Wendel advised that many sponsors were small businesses in the area but not from the mall.
- Wolf** Mr. Wolf asked if there is a sponsorship minimum.
- Wendel** Mr. Wendel indicated that there is a \$250 minimum for ad sponsorship.
- Sinclair-Anderson** Ms. Sinclair-Anderson asked if the Parks and Recreation Board could make a donation.
- Wendel** Mr. Wendel advised that the Board is more than welcome to get involved.
- Foller** Mr. Foller stated, “There is a saying....LEAD BY EXAMPLE.”
- **Sub-Division Plan:** A local developer is in the process of developing a sub-division plan for Rocky Ridge (only ten lots, less than three acres). Decision needed for recommendation to accept the fee in lieu of the land.
- Foller** Mr. Foller requested a motion to accept the fee in lieu of the land

Mr. Bloss moved to accept the fee from the developer in lieu of land. Mr. Wolf was second. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Old Business:

- Nichols** **Dog Friendly Parks:** Ms. Nichols provided a dog friendly park proposal and addendum for review and discussion.
- Wolf** Mr. Wolf inquired about the permitted locations for dog walking in the parks.
- Nichols** Ms. Nichols advised that they should be walked on the walkways.
- Wolf** Mr. Wolf provided information he researched regarding allowing dogs in parks. He has strong concerns with allowing dogs in the parks partly because of safety issues. Mr. Wolf feels that with the concentration of citizens in the parks, safety concerns will rise if dog owners allow their dogs to run free in the grassy areas.
- Nichols** Ms. Nichols advised that the needs of the community can be addressed positively by including a larger group of citizens (dog owners) to share in the benefits of

our parks. In addition, dog owners walking throughout the day and evening may quail some of the park vandalism discussed at last month's meeting by Mr. Wendel.

Wolf

Mr. Wolf suggested that the North Hills Park may be an area to allow dogs because it will not be developed for children activities, playgrounds, etc.

Ms. Nichols made a motion to accept the Dog Friendly Park Proposal and submit to the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors for review. Ms. Weber was second.

MOTION CARRIED 4/2. NICHOLS, WEBER, BLOSS AND SINCLAIR-ANDERSON VOTED YES. FOLLER AND WOLF VOTED NO.

7. New Business: None

8. Announcements: Next meeting Monday, 16 July 2007.

9. Adjournment:

Foller

Chairman Foller adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
21 May 2007**

In Attendance: Board Members: Gary Foller, Chairman
Steve Wolf, Vice Chairman
Veronica Sinclair-Anderson,, Secretary
Barry Bloss
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber

Absent: Steve Wolf

Others In Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

1. Call To Order:

Foller Chairman Foller called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (16 April 2007)

Ms. Sinclair-Anderson moved to accept the 16 April 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Nichols was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Board Members:

Bloss Mr. Bloss inquired as to whether anyone had been identified to take on the lead role for the 5K/Fun Walk.

Wendel Mr. Wendel indicated that an individual has yet to be identified.

Bloss Mr. Bloss requested information regarding the responsibilities of the race coordinator to be forwarded to him. He may have someone interested.

4. Communications from Citizens: None Reported

5. Recreation Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Park Vandalism:** Springettsbury Park has been the target of recent acts of vandalism including damage to the restroom facilities, coin boxes for court lighting and tagging. Graffiti has been found on signs and walls in the park.

The most significant vandalism has been to the restroom facilities. We are examining several options to deter such activity and identify those that are committing these acts. Surveillance cameras and alarms to the coin boxes are being explored.

Bloss Mr. Bloss recommended selling tokens at the office or placing a machine in the park that dispenses them to help reduce coin box theft.

Wendel Mr. Wendel indicated that selling tokens at the office would present an inconvenience to park users since the office is only open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm not during peak park use.

Foller Mr. Foller expressed concerns about syringes that have been found in the park.

Sinclair-Anderson Ms. Sinclair-Anderson talked about the idea of developing a park ambassador program or having off duty officer's patrol the park.

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported that an attempt to establish such a program was done several years ago with limited response. It's a great concept having volunteers that already use the park patrolling it. It would certainly help deter vandalism and other criminal activity.

- **Summer Programs:** Summer Playground starts Monday June 18 and the concert series on Sunday, June 17. The Township newsletter has been enhanced through the use of paper with a glossy finish.
- **Springettsbury Park:** The former MedYork office building was purchased by the Township. A site plan will be developed to determine how to best utilize the space to meet the needs of the park.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** The Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 24 at 6 pm in the farmhouse. This may be the last meeting so everyone was strongly encouraged to attend to offer their feedback on the draft plan.
- **Penn Oaks Park Project:** The process of completing the DEP permits for stream restoration and the walking bridge will delay the start of the project until late September or later. As a result, the park will remain open for public use through the summer.

6. Old Business:

Nichols **Dog Friendly Parks:** Ms. Nichols recommended that dogs be permitted on leash at all Township parks. She provided literature for the Board to review. She believes that dog walking is a primary means of exercise for many dog owners

and should be permitted. She also believes that the majority of dog owners are responsible in managing their dogs and removing their waste.

Foller Mr. Foller inquired as to what areas, if any, dogs would be restricted.

Nichols Ms Nichols responded that some areas should be restricted such as the amphitheater, playgrounds and athletic fields and courts.

Wendel Mr. Wendel recommended keeping the rules less convoluted by not restricting specific areas. It is the hope that dog owners will exercise good judgment in not allowing their dogs in areas that may cause a threat to others. Announcements can be made at concerts and placed in the event program to prevent dogs in the amphitheater. We currently do this at every show although we have a rule that prohibits dogs in all parks.

Foller Mr. Foller inquired as to how/why the rule of prohibiting dogs was established.

Nichols Ms. Nichols reported that the rule has been in existence for a long time. She also reported that although Springettsbury does not allow dogs in their parks many other municipalities do.

Foller Mr. Foller requested a motion to table the discussion until the June meeting in order to give the Board an opportunity to formulate a plan of action.

Nichols Ms. Nichols agreed to formulate a plan to forward to the Board to help in their decision making.

Ms. Sinclair-Anderson moved to accept tabling the matter until the June meeting. Mr. Bloss was second. Motion unanimously carried.

7. New Business:

Foller **Secretary Duties:** Mr. Foller requested that someone other than Mr. Wendel record the meeting minutes. As the Director, Mr. Wendel is responsible for listening to and responding to Board and citizens concerns and questions. Mr. Wendel's time should be devoted specifically to these efforts rather than focused on minute taking.

Wendel Mr. Wendel indicated he did not have a problem continuing to take the minutes.

Sinclair-Anderson Ms. Sinclair-Anderson concurred with Mr. Foller and agreed to take on Secretary Duties at the June meeting.

Foller Mr. Foller thanked Ms. Sinclair-Anderson for volunteering to take the minutes.

8. Adjournment

Foller Chairman Foller adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
16 April 2007**

In Attendance (Board Members): Charles Wurster, Chairman
Gary Foller, Vice Chairman
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber
Steve Wolf
Veronica Sinclair-Anderson

Others In Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

Absent: Barry Bloss

1. Call To Order:

Wurster Chairman Wurster called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (19 March 2007)

**Ms. Weber moved to accept the 19 March 2007 meeting minutes as presented.
Mr. Foller was second. Motion unanimously carried.**

3. Communication from Board Members:

Foller Mr. Foller requested a moment of silence for the men and women killed at Virginia Tech.

4. Communications from Citizens: None Reported

5. Recreation Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following items:

- **Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting:** Due to scheduling conflicts, the May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 6 pm in the farmhouse.
- **Penn Oaks Park Project:** YSM and the Township Engineer are working on completing the DEP permits for the site. This may delay the start of the project. We will have a better grasp of the project time table in the coming weeks.

- **Summer Programs:** Limited response to Park Leader ad. Still need to hire a number of Park Leaders to fully staff all parks. We will continue to seek appropriate candidates. Summer Playground is scheduled to start on Monday, June 18 and conclude on Thursday, August 9.
- **Saturday in the Park:** Volunteers are needed particularly for the 5K/Fun walk. The Board was encouraged to get involved. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 29.

6. Old Business: None Reported

7. New Business:

Nichols **Dogs in Parks:** Ms. Nichols requested that the Board consider allowing dogs on leashes in all Township parks. She provided members of the Board with literature outlining dog friendly parks including the following:

- Dog walking is a primary means of exercise for not only dogs but their owners.
- Dog owners, as park users, should be given the same consideration as other users (e.g. sports organizations) when determining their needs.
- A greater presence of users will help to deter park vandalism.
- Dog owners primarily will be held responsible for injuries and damages caused by their dogs.

Weber Ms. Weber asked how it will be enforced.

Nichols Ms. Nichols believes that dog owners will police each other, therefore, reducing the amount of dog waste left in parks.

Wendel Mr. Wendel indicated that dog feces can already be found in all parks; however, it is thought that it may be reduced if dogs on leashes are permitted and owners self police. Furthermore, posted fines for not properly disposing dog waste may help deter such activity and promote more responsible dog ownership. This would require a change in the Park Ordinance.

Nichols Ms Nichols requested that the Board review the literature and prepare to further discuss the topic at the May meeting and be prepared to make a recommendation.

Wolf **Comprehensive Plan:** Mr. Wolf inquired as to whether long term maintenance, the addition of flowers and other beautification measures would be included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Wendel Mr. Wendel indicated that resources such as staff would need to be examined to determine whether such maintenance could be done. However, the needs should be prioritized and needs such as increased athletic field maintenance for example may

be more of a priority than planting and maintaining flower beds since they are high use areas and require greater year round attention.

Wurster Mr. Wurster stated that the Parks and Recreation Board will be charged with identifying and prioritizing the needs. The Board will need to marshal the Comprehensive Plan to garner support.

Wurster **Board Positions:** Mr. Wurster requested a motion on Gary Foller's nomination to replace him as Parks and Recreation Board Chair.

Ms. Nichols moved to nominate Gary Foller as Board Chair.

Ms. Sinclair-Anderson was second. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Wurster requested a motion on Steve Wolf's nomination to replace Gary Foller as Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Ms. Nichols moved to nominate Steve Wolf as the Vice-Chair. Ms. Weber was second. Motion unanimously carried.

Nichols **Frisbee Golf:** Ms. Nichols inquired as to whether Frisbee golf was part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Wendel Mr. Wendel encouraged Ms. Nichols to address at next Comprehensive Plan meeting. Mr. Wendel stated that he is only familiar with the course at Buchmiller Park in Lancaster.

Wurster Mr. Wurster reported that a Frisbee golf course exists at Pinchot State Park.

8. Adjournment

Wurster Chairman Wurster adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

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19 March 2007**

In Attendance: Board Members: Charles Wurster, Chairman
Gary Foller, Vice Chairman
Barry Bloss
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber
Steve Wolf
Veronica Sinclair-Anderson

Others In Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

1. Call To Order:

Wurster Chairman Wurster called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the newest member to the Board, Veronica Sinclair-Anderson and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (19 February 2007)

**Ms. Nichols moved to accept the 19 February 2007 meeting minutes as presented.
Mr. Bloss was second. Motion unanimously carried.**

3. Communication from Board Members:

Wurster Chairman Wurster asked if Ms. Sinclair-Anderson would like to say a few words.

Sinclair-Anderson Ms. Sinclair-Anderson provided some background information on herself and family and expressed her desire to help in the community.

4. Communications from Citizens: None Reported

5. Recreation Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **DCNR Grant:** The Township received a \$30,000 matching grant from DCNR to develop master site plans for Pleasureville Park, August Schaefer Park and the undeveloped North Hills site. These sites were identified

because they are in need of upgrades and in some cases underutilized. The North Hills site is undeveloped.

- **PRPS Awards:** The Department submitted three entries to the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society annual Excellence in Programming Awards. We were recognized for two including Saturday in the Park in the category of Community Festival and S.T.A.R.S (Senior Time Activities for Residents of Springettsbury) in the category of Senior Adult. The awards will be presented at the annual PRPS Conference held at the Hershey Convention Center on Tuesday, March 27.

Wurster

Mr. Wurster recommended that a press release be done.

Wendel

Mr. Wendel indicated that he would forward the information to our Grants and Public Relations Specialist Teri Gilfillan.

- **Concert Schedule/Sponsorship:** Concert schedule is finalized. We will continue to seek sponsors through the end of April. Harley Davidson is returning as a sponsor. We will continue to strive for complete cost recovery through a combination of sponsorship and concession commissions and fees.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** No April meeting scheduled. Will probably finalize planning process at May meeting. Board members strongly encouraged to forward comments to consultants.

Wurster

Mr. Wurster mentioned various items were discussed at the last meeting including technical issues and strategic plans, and recreation fees for residential, commercial and industrial development.

Wolf

Mr. Wolf emphasized the need for park land acquisition.

Weber

Ms. Weber mentioned the importance of a community recreation facility identified in the report.

Wurster

Mr. Wurster reiterated the importance of forwarding comments to the consultants. He requested that Mr. Wendel forward an email to the committee regarding their comments and deadline for submission.

- **Penn Oaks Park Project:** Mr. Holman and I met with members of the Penn Oaks Swim Club to discuss the possibility of using their parking lot as an alternative to developing a parking lot within Penn Oaks Park. The matter was addressed with the DCNR Grant Coordinator to discuss possible options. The grant coordinator insisted we keep the 45 space parking lot as designed since it was part of the original plan submitted with the grant application. Overall, the DCNR representative did not seem supportive of

the idea of incorporating the pool parking lot in the plan due to land ownership and accessibility matters. The representatives from the Penn Oaks Swim Club were contacted and made aware of the comments.

Wolf Mr. Wolf talked about potential vehicle parking on both sides of the street.

Wendel Mr. Wendel indicated that management and control of organized use will be key to reducing parking problems in the neighborhood.

Weber Ms. Weber inquired about the existence of wetlands in the park.

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported that the Township engineer examined the area and determined that wetlands do not exist in area where the parking will be developed.

6. Old Business:

Wendel **Online Registration:** Mr. Wendel reported that over 30 people have registered online since introducing this option to the public on March 1.

7. New Business:

Nichols **Dog Park:** Ms. Nichols reported that York County Parks Department is moving forward with the development of a dog park at John Rudy Park. Members of the Springettsbury Dog Park Advisory Committee have been attending County planning meetings and will play an integral role in supporting this facility.

Wurster **Resignation:** Mr. Wurster reported that he is resigning from the Parks and Recreation Board effective at the end of April. He has been appointed to serve on the Township Planning Commission.

8. Adjournment

Wurster Chairman Wurster adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
19 February 2007**

In Attendance: Board Members: Charles Wurster, Chairman
Barry Bloss
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber

Others In Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation
John Holman, Township Manager

Absent: Gary Foller, Vice Chairman
Steve Wolf

1. Call To Order:

Wurster Chairman Wurster called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the attendees and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (15 January 2007)

**Mr. Bloss moved to accept the 15 January 2007 meeting minutes as presented.
Ms. Weber was second. Motion unanimously carried.**

3. Communication from Board Members: (No Information Reported)

4. Communications from Citizens:

Wendel Mr. Wendel received an email from Mr. Jeffery Orner regarding “No Smoking” signs at the Creative Playground. Mr. Orner indicated that the signs were “great”, however, he believes since the signs are placed at the entrances to the playground area, the public may interpret the rule as only pertaining to the Creative Playground. He has observed people smoking outside the playground area, in Springettsbury Park, believing it was acceptable. Mr. Orner believes additional signage should be added and made clearer.

Mr. Wendel reported that a large, conspicuous park rules sign is located at the main entrance to the Creative Playground. The rules are also posted at the entrances on the east side of the Creative Playground. Furthermore, the same rules are posted throughout Springettsbury Park at 6 other locations including the kiosks. Increasing the size and number of signs will not necessarily deter park users from violating the rules. We need the public to be more proactive by

referencing the rules when they see violations or contacting the police. The Board agreed that the signage in the park is sufficient at this time.

5. Recreation Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Penn Oaks Park:** On schedule to be closed to the public starting on May 31, 2007. The Township engineer is working on the DEP permit which will dictate when the project will be placed to bid.

Nichols Ms. Nichol's inquired about use of the Penn Oaks Swim Club parking lot.

Holman Mr. Holman indicated that it may be possible but needs to check with the state since federal funds are being used for the project. Furthermore, the swim club would have to provide the Township with a hold harmless agreement, maintain the parking lot and make sure it meets ADA guidelines. Mr. Wendel will schedule a meeting with representatives from the swim club to further discuss.

Weber Ms. Weber inquired about the status on the playground program at Penn Oaks.

Nichols Ms. Nichols asked if the construction schedule could be adjusted.

Wendel Mr. Wendel stated that based on our current time table we would not be able to hold a program at Penn Oaks, however, permit approval will dictate when construction will start.

Holman Mr. Holman indicated we should know the permit time frame in about a month.

Weber Ms. Weber inquired as to whether the public was involved in the planning process.

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported that a public forum was held in April 2005 to present the concept plan and seek feedback. Recommendations from that meeting were incorporated in the plan and discussed at our January 2007 plan presentation.

- **Recreation Database:** We have been working with Jungle Lasers for over a year to develop a recreation database to replace the Access database which has outlived its usefulness due to program growth. Current system cumbersome to use. New system will be more user friendly and efficient while providing many features that the Access database does not. Equally as important, we will be able to, starting on March 1, provide the public with an opportunity to register online with a credit card. At this time, customers will only be able to register online using their personal computer, however, in the future; we hope to have the same capability offered at the Township Offices.

- **Spring Brochure:** Brochure was recently mailed and should reach every household by the end of the month. Board members thought the addition of more color made it stand out.
- **Facility Allocation Meeting:** Athletic field scheduling for the spring/summer sports season will occur on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 pm. All sports organizations were made aware of the Penn Oaks Park closure last year. Don't anticipate much of an impact for spring/summer sports season.
- **Concert Schedule/Sponsorship:** The concert schedule has been finalized. We are currently seeking sponsorship for the event.

Nichols Ms. Nichols asked whether Harley Davidson will again be involved.

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported that Harley seems interested in again supporting the event. With the relocation of the Communications Director to Milwaukee and the strike, we have not been able to finalize an agreement.

- **Comprehensive Plan:** No meeting scheduled for February. Next meeting will be held March 12 to review and discuss draft plan. Draft plan will be mailed prior to meeting. Please come to March meeting prepared to thoroughly discuss plan.

Holman Mr. Holman mentioned that the plan will be an addendum to the Township comprehensive plan.

Nichols Ms. Nichols inquired about the development of a community center as part of the plan and the availability of the York Christian Church.

Holman Mr. Holman thought the church was leasing the new building. The comprehensive plan will report on the need for a community center.

- **Open Board Position:** Interviewed two prospective candidates. Will be interviewed by the Board of Supervisors this week.

6. Old Business: Dog Park

Weber Ms. Weber requested a status report on the dog park.

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported that the Township will not, at this time, pursue developing a dog park. DCED funds were not granted for the project. However, York County Parks will develop a dog park at John Rudy Park later this year. The County has requested the Township dog park committee to assist in the process. Mr. Wendel indicated that the work done by the dog park committee was not

fruitless but was the motivation behind moving the project forward while gaining public support. The committee did wonderful work and will be instrumental in developing the County facility.

7. New Business: No Information Reported

8. Adjournment

Wurster Chairman Wurster adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
15 January 2007**

In Attendance: Board Members: Charles Wurster, Chairman
Barry Bloss
Sherry Nichols
Sylvia Weber

Others In Attendance: David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation
Ann Yost, YSM
Chuck Strodoski, YSM

Absent: Gary Foller, Vice Chairman
Steve Wolf

1. Call To Order:

Wurster Chairman Wurster called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He welcomed the Attendees and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action On Minutes: (20 November 2006)

Ms. Nichols moved to accept the 20 November 2006 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Weber was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Board Members:

None.

4. Communications from Citizens:

Wendel Provided the public with historical background information on the project including the following: 2000 - Army National Guard were requested to grade the area for athletic fields, 2003 - submitted CDBG for planning purposes, 2005 - concept plan presented at public meeting, 2005 - applied for DCNR funding for development, 2006 – received \$150,000 matching grant.

Mr. Wendel also introduced consultants Ann Yost and Chuck Strodoski from YSM to present PowerPoint presentation on Penn Oaks Park improvements.

Yost Ms. Yost thanked everyone for coming and introduced who YSM is and what they do and where they are heading with the Penn Oaks Park Master Plan. She

provided an overview of Penn Oaks Park reviewing the facilities that are on the grounds as well as the stream and culvert.

Mr. Dick Puckett
3420 Edenbridge Road

January 2007 layout can be changed. Parking lot affects the environment. That location is in the periodic wetland. After a steady rain or snow it will have water in there 2 to 4 inches deep. Over a period of time that water is absorbed into the earth. Above there is a tributary and moves water directly into the stream that prevents it from coming down into the wetland. That will also be removed which in his opinion will allow flooding on Edenbridge. The trees are natural habitats for birds, squirrels, rabbits, ducks and a red tailed hawk. Approximately 20 mature trees will be removed from this area. A beautiful natural area is being destroyed. Safety, the only constant safety problem on Edenbridge is speeding. Every street in the area is one way and cars are parked on both sides. With this congestion, does it negatively affect safety? Of course it does. The parking on both sides of Edenbridge and the creek area becomes congested during park activities. With a single ball game 35 cars will be parked on that street. If the capacity of the parking lot is 45 we are going to add 2 ball fields, the parking is not going to be big enough and you are still going to have parking on Edenbridge. The proposed parking lot will now enter and exit over a sidewalk. This sidewalk is used to and from the pool by families, by children that are not accompanied by families. The children as they go through there have pool time on their minds. Cars exiting the lot, if we continue to allow parking on both sides of Edenbridge a car exiting a lot will have no visibility left and no visibility right and will be entering a one way street. I have concerns about the utilization of the parking lot - remember that this part of the park is utilized with the games etc. etc... about 4 months a year. You have 8 months a year that the parking lot will be utilized for something else. It is a recessed area, garden area. I don't know what is going to happen in there. We have mud bikes operating in there now. We've called the police on several occasions and those kids that ride those bikes are pretty smart they know exactly how long it will be until the police arrive. A recommendation that I would like to make which probably is going to be a little bit different is no parking on the north side of Edenbridge between Cranmere and the next street. No cars parked there today - it's an empty area. With parking on the curb always make your car stick out further in the streets.

Mike Sciangula
3470 Edenbridge Road

My question is regarding these two fields that you are putting in. I assume you are going to try and make them level. I don't know how familiar you are with the slope in the park right now the slope is from the south side down to the north you might have several feet. How are you going to level it out? Are all the homes on Kingston and Edenbridge going to have a drop off in their backyard because you have to level it? How do you grade it so when you walk out in the back yard, the park is right in my backyard and I can walk out now, I don't want to have a 4' drop off my backyard because you have to level the field.

Ann Yost, YSM replied that what they are going to try to do is develop a grading plan that would bench the fields in. One would be lower and one would be higher then there would be some slope back to the residential sites. All the grading would be done on the park site and would transition into the park site so there isn't a severe drop off in any way. Whenever we are doing a grading plan we try to do a couple things. One is to achieve a balance on such. We are not going to bring in fill in unless we run into subsurface conditions that require fill. We would rather find a balance. The other thing we try to achieve when we create a grading plan is to consider maintenance. Maintenance being able to performed safely and efficiently. Slopes will not be steep but gradual so the Township can take care of it in a good manor.

Steve Noonan
3415 Edenbridge Road

I live right across the street from the parking lot. I am in definite agreement that these parks need to be upgraded for use. However, I think – has anyone spoke with the Penn Oaks Swimming Club about possibly expanding their existing parking lot on a co-op deal or a partnership deal to eliminate the need to put the parking lot in the proposed area? Because as Mr. Puckett has said, in the summertime when the kids are going down to the swimming pool, they're not looking for vehicles coming down the proposed parking lot, that's what concerns him. He was just providing an idea to speak with Penn Oaks Swim Club owners and work something out there.

David Wendel, Springettsbury Township, Director of Parks and Recreation replied to Mr. Noonan that he did invite representatives from the Penn Oaks Swim Club.

Bill Sauers
4201 Greywood Drive

Representing Penn Oaks Swim Club. We would definitely be interested in talking to Recreation for about utilizing the parking lot. It does seem like that for the 4 months that Springettsbury Township would need it is the Swim Club's off season so it would be interesting to kick around the ideas of better utilizing our parking spaces as well as if we need additional parking I think we have land available there we could do that without impacting the trees and the surroundings to the extent that this plan shows. You have some people that are interested in hearing maybe some other ideas in that area.

Charles Hoffman
3385 Kingston Road

I reside to the right of the south side entrance to the park. I think the Bocce idea is great. I was wondering if we could take the trail and bring it up past the kid's area and kind of make it an outside loop as well so this is a longer trail.

Ann Yost, YSM replied we look at that as valid. The rationale for not doing it was we were trying to maintain the area as open area for picnics or pick up games. It is just as valid to come down and make that change.

Keith Sheffer
3335 Cranmere Lane

I reside right off of Edenbridge close to the entrance of the park. I am the President of Penn Oaks Pool and President of Panthers Soccer so we utilize the park pretty heavily. A lot of parents are parking along those streets. I am concerned on a safety stand point if we can accommodate the parking situation at Penn Oaks Pool – my question is when would construction begin and would we have use of the fields for the spring soccer this season?

David Wendel, Springettsbury Township, Director of Parks and Recreation responded that he sent out an e-mail to the representatives of the athletic organizations and made them aware that the fields would only be available until the end of May.

Norma Shue
162 Lynbrook Drive S

I have been on the push since 2006 for Bocce Courts. No problem with Bocce Courts – What I am concerned about is that Bocce is for ages 4 – 94 – Charlie Hoffman wouldn't want people parking there lining up to access the entrance at Kingston Road. I can see elderly husbands and wives, handicapped people actually who are still able to play Bocce that would certainly never be able to get from the parking lot to the bochee courts. Even somebody could even help them, but even having two handicapped people in one family that would almost be impossible. I would like to have the location revisited.

Katie Miles
3465 Folkstone Way

My yard is looking out over the tot lot. So my question is, are there plans for expansion for tot lot currently?

Ann Yost, YSM responded the construction documents are going to incorporate a tot lot. What we have there right now is the youth playground which services children ages 5 – 12. We are going to make part of the construction documents a 2 – 5 year old play equipment area that will be adjacent to it. That is the suggestion we (YSM) made but it is outside the budget the only thing with the construction documents is that to use as an alternate bid item. It depends on how the bids come in if that will be implemented immediately or as a future phase.

I'd just like to share a comment then; the number of swings that are there right now are not adequate for the use that we are seeing. I can see it out my kitchen window. There are a lot of young families moving in with babies and young children. There are only 2 baby swings and 2 older children swings. The rest of the park is fine, but there are not enough swings.

Another question I would like to ask is does any of the parks allow dogs? I would encourage another area for dogs or just generally allow people to walk their dogs through the parks. Also, yeah for the Bocce courts!

David Wendel, Springettsbury Township, Director of Parks and Recreation: In November of 2005 we developed a Dog Park Advisory Committee which met right up through August of 2006. We spent almost a year trying to determine a location that would be appropriate for a dog park. We did identify a location – Springettsbury Township Park the SE corner. We did that for the purposes of a grant we applied for. We are still waiting for official notification as to whether or not we are going to receive those funds. So right now, we have a location identified but it's questionable that it will be developed at that location. York County Parks will be developing a dog park at John Rudy Park. If you're interested in a dog park, an open space area for your dog to run off leash, I know the County is looking for individuals to serve on their planning committee. They have a meeting scheduled for next Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Offices. They are actually going to develop a dog park and it should be completed this year. For the Township the dog park is on hold, but the County is pursuing it.

John Stein
341 Folkstone Way

My question is about the current pavilion. Is there any idea as to what we are going to do for restroom facilities for all these kids that are going to be coming in and things like that? I know that a port-o-pot gets set occasionally which serves the few visitors we do have there fairly well; it's certainly not an issue for me because I live there. But I am just curious as to what plans you have for that?

Ann Yost, YSM responded, the Concept Plan did not purpose any restrooms and restrooms are not purposed for this plan either. The pavilion is to remain as it exists. Basically improvements made are to the trail.

David Wendel, Springettsbury Township, Director of Parks and Recreation - Currently it is the athletic organizations responsibility that use our facilities to provide portable toilets. We provide for our summer playground program for a 2 month period. Outside of that it is the athletic organizations responsibility when using Township fields.

Bill Sauers (2nd Appearance)
4201 Greywood Drive

I have 2 questions with regard to the Penn Oaks Swim Club. The first one is that you said fairly May the organizations will not be able to use the fields. Does that mean a summer construction schedule?

Ann Yost, YSM responded that it was the anticipated schedule.

That answer brings me to my next two questions/comments. Number one, if you have earth moving equipment there the pool is not comparable with operations during the height of the Springettsbury Township construction and they're going to deal with noise and fuss. It is not going to affect our memberships this year, but it is going to certainly affect the memberships next year and the year after that. So, my question is can we have construction start in

September instead of May or June? I don't know what the duration of the construction is but if it was 2 or 3 months maybe it could still be done before winter.

Ann Yost, YSM responded that they would have to discuss it with the Township.

John Sipe
3367 Appleford Way

Will there be a summer park program this summer? And has anyone thought about how they are going to address the signage such as stop signs on Edenbridge, traffic control and safety issues?

David Wendel, Springettsbury Township, Director of Parks and Recreation: I haven't received any complaints in the past regarding traffic or safety issues in this area, however, that's not to say these issues don't exist when the fields are being used. We believe that the additional parking will help alleviate some of the on street parking problems. Additionally, facility management will play an important role in how these fields are used and how much vehicle traffic enters the neighborhood.

Lorna Brenneman
3395 Cranmere Lane

I am also part of the Penn Oaks Swim Club, Board Member. I have two things, most of the complaints of the parking problems that you refer to have all been called into Springettsbury Township Police. So hence you may not have seen the reports. Secondly I am going to piggy back on what Bill said about the pool season and pushing back the construction date. For one, the pool season which will ultimately affect us as a non-profit organization and two this is a huge, huge park for the kids. My kids grew up there; some of the people here have kids there now. It is a huge park and these kids live for the park every summer. I did the book mobile from Central York School District this year at this park and it was huge. It was one of the largest turn outs from any other Springettsbury Township and Manchester Township Parks for the book mobile this summer. I would really, really hate to see the Summer Park Program not go on this summer or any summer. I know its really limiting a window of time but it would displace so many kids this summer. It would be horrible. The closest park for them to go to would be Stonewood Park which none of them can get there on their own and Kingston, most of them couldn't get there on their own either. It's just so convenient for the whole area to have the park program there. That is my biggest concern.

Bill Schmid
3405 Kingston Road

Mr. Schmid would like see the one field moved lower and downward. He understands that it would eliminate a Bocce court but may be advantageous with the way the water lays on the fields. Secondly, you have indicated (David Wendel) that there have been no complaints about safety. Living in my house I cringe every time there is something going on in the park and the kids come out to be picked up and especially for the kids that the parents pick them up across

the street from the park. Thank God nobody has gotten hit in the 23 years I have lived here, but one of these days it is going to happen because people come flying down through here 45 – 50 MPH. First of all people coming this way have no idea what is down in here. The other day I was backing out of my driveway, absolutely nothing was coming when I backed out. And all of a sudden a guy flew by me on the other side of the street. He would not have had time to stop had there been traffic coming the other direction. I have to say he was doing at least 55 MPH. I complained to the police department and said that you guys are going to wait until some kid gets killed and then you'll do something about it and as far as I am concerned that's way to late. So if you can arrange to put a parking lot in the park to eliminate the parking here, maybe I could sleep better.

Tony Wills
295 Folkstone Way

I am talking about the Bocce Courts down at the bottom. I am getting ready to do my Eagle Scout project real soon and I was talking to David Wendel before the meeting started about putting a sand volleyball court in there. Now I have never seen a Bocce Court before but I am not thinking that the way it looks that it is going to take up all that space and I would like to see a sand volleyball court incorporated into that area. I know some people were looking forward to sand volleyball courts and that would be a really nice thing there.

Gene Shue
162 Lynbrook Drive South

I don't know if this is for or against. We went through with this at the August Schaefer Park and still have people parking in front of my house. I would hate to see this area go to waste. Regardless and that is easy for me to say because my kids are not that old anymore. But we were just recently at my grandson's soccer game and they participated in a soccer tournament in Lancaster County and there were 7700 soccer players over there. The way that soccer and lacrosse is becoming popular and the opportunity to put a couple of fields being put there I'd hate to see it be passed by. I can sympathize with the people and the "not in my backyard" thing. But, that land is going to waste as far as our kids are concerned and I think we need to find a way to do it.

Wurster Thank you again for all of the individuals who have come out and involved all your comments, ideas and recommendations. Certainly our engineer and landscape architects as well as the Recreation Director will take all these ideas into consideration and as well as this Recreation Board for the purposes of developing a final plan. We thank you again for the opportunity to hear from you and your recommendations and ideas this evening.

5. Old Business

None.

6. New Business

None.

7. Announcements

Wurster Chairman Wurster announced that the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 19 at 7:00 pm. No February Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Planning Meeting scheduled. Will resume meeting in March.

8. Adjournment

Wurster Motion to adjourn the meeting was by Barry Bloss with a 2nd by Sherry Nichols. Chairman Wurster adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.