

**Springettsbury Township  
Parks & Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
21 July 2014  
6:00 PM**

**In Attendance**

**Board Members:**

Sherry Nichols-Chair  
Sid Martin-Vice Chair  
John Kerchner  
Andy Mears  
Steve Wolf

**Not In attendance:**

Les Jones

**Staff:**

David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

**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: (16 June 2014)**

Mr. Wolf moved to accept the 16 June 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Kerchner was second. Motion unanimously carried.

**3. Communication from Citizens:**

**Wendel**

Mr. Wendel reported that he received a letter from Mrs. Shirley Monroe dated 15 June 2014. Based on her letter, she expressed concerns about the distance of the restroom facilities from the pavilions. Furthermore, she questioned whether any guidelines existed pertaining to the number and location of restroom facilities in parks. I addressed her concerns with David Stewart, an Information Specialist with the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center. He indicated that restroom facilities are not required in parks under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); however, he noted that existing restroom facilities must be accessible.

When the improvements to Springettsbury Park occurred in 2001, the design and construction of the park complied with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Our restrooms at the concession stand and amphitheater include separate ADA facilities. Additionally, an accessible route exists from the pavilions to the restroom facilities. As a result, Springettsbury Park is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Although for convenience it would be ideal to have restroom facilities closer to the pavilions, we actually have more restrooms than most parks of greater size and use. A letter with this information was sent to Mrs. Monroe.

**4. Communication from Board Members:** None reported.

**5. Director's Report:**

**Wendel** Mr. Wendel reported on the following agenda items:

- **Sounds of Summer:** We have experienced high attendance at our concerts. The July 6 concert and fireworks attracted by most estimates over 10,000 visitors to Springettsbury Park. Inclement weather impacted a few concerts. Concession commissions and visitor donations were somewhat impacted by the weather, however, still on pace to meet or exceed last year's totals.
- **Summer Playground:** After 5 weeks, we have had a very successful summer playground season. Currently, 947 children are registered at 9 park locations with a high of 208 at Kingston Park, 139 at Springettsbury and 115 at Stonewood Park. Approximately 400 children a day can be found on our parks. Trip participation has been good. Park participants especially enjoy the inter park sports leagues and collaborative crafts. Reminded board that the craft show at the Galleria Mall is scheduled from July 31 through August 3 and the craft exhibit at the Art Institute of York, PA is on August 6. Parks close on August 8.
- **Saturday in the Park:** Preparations continue for our 12th annual community celebration. We are in need of volunteers for a variety of tasks including set up and selling tickets. The board was encouraged to volunteer. The event is scheduled on Saturday, September 27. Partnership development will continue leading up to the event.

**6. Old Business:**

**Creative Playground:**

Board discussed and reviewed a variety of playground designs. We are seeking ideas from several playground vendors. Will finalize request to potential vendors to submit ideas and discuss their products and services at a future board meeting. Strongly encourage creative thinking as we move forward with design ideas. Each board member will research 6 different vendors that are commonly used in this region and share at our September meeting.

**7. New Business:**

**Naming of Parks**

Mr. Wendel advised the board that the mini park located in the Orchard Hills subdivision on the west side (Phase 3 & 4) will be dedicated to the Township this year. The mini park located on the east side (Phase 1) was dedicated some time ago but has yet to be named. Furthermore, the preservation area located in the Pleasanttrees subdivision will probably be dedicated to the Township before the end of the year. As a result, all of these parks will need to be named. We will address once the dedications are final.

**8. Announcements:** Next meeting Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6 pm

**9. Adjournment:** Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.