

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2011
7:30 P.M.**

A regularly scheduled meeting was held on the above date at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103. The meeting was brought to order at 7:35 P.M. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Walt Aungst, Antonella DiMatteo, and Frank McCullough. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director and Randy Soriano, Township Manager.

Approval of March 2011 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Aungst, the Recreation Committee approved the May 16, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted.

Approval of April 18, 2011 and April 20, 2011 Park Tour Minutes:

On motion by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Aungst, the Recreation Committee approved the April 18, 2011 and April 20, 2011 Park Tour minutes as submitted.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Mr. Adamcik noted his concern on a letter he received in the mail by Mr. John Vangeli (Umpire in the Central Whitehall and Lehigh Valley Leagues of youth baseball). Mr. Vangeli addressed his concerns regarding the fence at Devonshire Park. His first concern was that the fence in front of the benches is too low. He felt that the players and coaches behind the fences are targets for the foul balls. His second concern pertained to openings on both sides of the fence where the next batter walks through; there is potential for foul balls to be hit through the openings and seriously hurt someone. Mr. Adamcik addressed the issue of the height of the fence and the safety of the field; the fence is four feet and it needs to be six feet. Mr. Adamcik stated that he would go to Devonshire Park and make a list of safety issues that need to be addressed.

Staff Reports & Updates:

Summer Park Program: Mrs. Baillie noted that the Summer Park Program will begin on Monday, June 27, 2011 and continue to Friday, July 29, 2011. Park day is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at Lindberg Park with a rain date of Thursday, July 28, 2011. Ms. Samantha Foulke will be the tennis instructor / camp counselor. Mr. Soriano noted that Commissioner Ackerman would like Mrs. Baillie to look into working with the Allentown Public Library and incorporating their summer programs with our playground program.

Revision to Park Ordinance: Mr. Soriano noted that several residents contacted the township via email advising the Township that Ordinance No. 12-2010-564, as written, in particular Section 112(4) dealing with carrying, setting off, or discharging any firearm, is not compliant with the PA Uniform Firearms Act. Mr. Soriano noted that the Solicitor had reviewed the matter and had suggested revising the language to read that it would be prohibited to “ *Carrying an unlicensed firearm, setting off or discharging any firearm, air rifle, air pistol, sling shot, or fireworks, including sparklers.*” Mr. Soriano

stated that the Ordinance, Section 104 should also be revised to address the closure of parks. Mr. Soriano noted that as written, parks are closed for public use from December 1, through March 30, and there may be cases when during the course of a mild winter, people could enjoy the parks. Mr. Soriano noted that historically this was done because the bathroom amenities were not available during the winter months. Mr. Soriano stated that the Board of Commissioners favored revising the language to allow people to use the parks in the winter, if weather permitted, but that signs would be posted that bathrooms would not be available. Mr. Soriano noted that the Recreation Advisory Committee should come up with some language to address the intent of the Board of Commissioners.

Old Business:

Flagpole in Lindberg Park: Mr. Adamcik gave an update on the flagpole situation at Lindberg Park. He stated the cost was too expensive for the VFW and they would be unable to support the funding. Mr. Soriano noted that it would be considered to relocate the flagpole at Lindberg Park through the Master Site Plan that is being developed for Lindberg Park.

Green Acres Basketball Court Survey: Mr. Soriano stated that he spoke with Chief Stiles about the SRAC survey to address the issue at Green Acres Park. Chief Stiles was not able to accommodate us with doing the survey but he will make sure that the Officers continue doing rounds at the parks. Mrs. Baillie noted that Hamilton Park Basketball Program will be having a summer program which will consist of a clinic / workshop held at Green Acres Park on Monday and Thursday from 6-7:30pm.

New Business:

Mr. Adamcik noted that he received an email from Mr. Chris Birosik, SYA President, regarding his concerns on Laubach, Devonshire, and Franko Parks. As a committee we decided to add on all necessary concern to the park list which will be submitted to Mr. John Andreas, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Soriano requested that Salisbury Youth Association and Hamilton Park Association submit documentation that demonstrates the number of Salisbury resident participating in their program. Mrs. Baillie agreed and will contact both organizations to foresee that this matter is taken care of.

Adjournment:

The Recreation Committee voted to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:30PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Antonella DiMatteo
Member, Recreation Advisory Committee