

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

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 7:55 PM. Committee members in attendance: Walter Aungst, Antonella DiMatteo, Frank McCullough and Mark Wilson. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager.

Approval of May 20, 2013 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. McCullough, and seconded by Ms. DiMatteo, the Recreation Committee approved the May 20, 2013, meeting minutes as submitted.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Walter Aungst: No report.

Antonella DiMatteo: No report.

Frank McCullough: Mr. McCullough reported that the ballfields at Lindberg Park are still in excellent shape for the fall baseball and softball seasons; he also noted that he had not seen a single dog in the parks since the new signs were posted during late June.

Mark Wilson: The batting cages at Lindberg Park were well used by the community since their installation during the spring; the nets will be placed in storage from early November through early March.

Staff Reports & Updates:

Genny Baillie: Ms. Baillie verbally summarized the written report she submitted regarding the 2013 Summer Playground Program (attached). The program went very well, with good participation at all four parks.

Separately, Ms. Baillie expressed concern that the Salisbury School District is not currently planning on repairing/rebuilding their tennis courts at Salisbury High School and so instead plans to use the Lindberg Park tennis courts for their interscholastic tennis program indefinitely. She also mentioned that the tennis coach has asked for the restrooms to be available for them and that, if the Township were to do so, the Township should consider charging the school a custodial fee to cover the extra Public Works maintenance costs.

Randy Soriano: Mr. Soriano reported that he will not hear until late fall regarding the outcome of the Community Conservation Partnership Grant application. Mr. Soriano also mentioned the need to get going to obtain the Green Futures Fund match, as there was a delay caused by a structural deficit impasse in approval of the Green Futures Fund, from which the Township had requested \$160K during 2013 (of the \$727K total allocated to Salisbury Township) for construction of the perimeter walking path at Lindberg Park. Mr. Soriano also reported that he had met with John Andreas regarding the budget and had requested that he focus on the clean-up and other improvements at Laubach Park, including the pavilion roof, lighting and the existing security camera. Finally, he reported that the geese management approach at Laubach Park seems to be working.

New Business:

Park Capital Improvements: Ms. Baillie asked the committee whether there were any capital improvements items at any of the parks that should be put into the budget. Mr. Aungst responded that the River Road Park pavilion needs to be enlarged and renovated and should be included.

2014 Recreation-Sponsored Events: Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

Fall Park Inspections: The committee agreed that Mr. McCullough and Mr. Wilson will tour the parks on the western side of the township, while Mr. Adamcik and Mr. Aungst will tour the parks on the eastern side. Written reports from both tours will be sent out via email prior to the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Ms. DiMatteo and approved unanimously by the committee at 8:50PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 18, 2013, 7:30PM, at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Wilson

Secretary, Recreation Advisory Committee