

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2017**

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 7:30PM. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Mark Wilson, Frank McCullough, and Patrick Jacoby. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director.

Approval of February 2017 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. Adamcik, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Recreation Committee approved the March 20, 2017, meeting minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Mark Wilson: No Report

Frank Adamcik: No Report

Frank McCullough: Mr. McCullough reported that a tree split and fell by the basketball courts at Green Acres and has since been cleaned up.

Patrick Jacoby: No Report

Staff Reports & Updates:

Genny Baillie:

- Egg Hunt
 - One of the colder days, but sunny
 - 95 Children Registered/60 Participated,
 - Corporal Casey from Salisbury Township Police Department (STPD) attended and provided 15-20 police badges to add to special eggs
- Playground Program
 - One of the highest return rates with all but three counselors coming back
 - 19 applications received/eight interviewed, knowing there weren't many spots to fill/four Hired
 - Prospective start date: Wednesday June 19th, Prospective end date: Friday July 28th

Old Business:

SYA Batting Cage Proposal: The Reactional Advisory Committee (RAC) met prior to their scheduled meeting at Franko Park with Mr. Joel Schware, on behalf of Salisbury Youth Association (SYA), to assess three prospective sites for the temporary batting cage to be placed.

- The first location, located across the access road in front of the tree line on the pond side, was agreed upon by the RAC to be the least-favorable position for the cage due to proximity to the walking path and the slope and was dismissed as an option unanimously.
- The second location, located between the shed and volleyball court, was the original site request that the RAC did not approve, and after seeing it again, the RAC further explained their safety concerns surrounding that location. The RAC voted against building the batting cage at this location by a 3 to 1 vote.
- The third location, located along the third base side of the baseball field, behind the shed and tree, was the location the RAC recommended to the BOC last time. After spending about 15 minutes at this location, the RAC discussed that Mr. Schware's marks for the location of the batting cage were closer to the access road and farther back into the park than the RAC had originally envisioned. The cage could even be built in-line with the markings, but closer to the tree and shed by about 20 feet. Also discussed was the possibility for the Township to cover the costs of leveling the land and putting in the base for the

shed. This needs to be confirmed by Public Works, but given that option, the majority of the RAC and Mr. Schwere were in agreement that this location could certainly work as the site for the batting cage. By a 3 to 1 vote, the RAC voted in favor of building the batting cage at this site and continuing to recommend this location to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) for that purpose.

New Business:

Lindberg Park Improvement Proposal: Sean Snyder and Thomas Sylvester, students of Salisbury High School presented a project they had been working on for class. They'd like to add birdhouses and birdbaths to Lindberg Park. They explained this would add to the liveliness and activity to the park by attracting different types of birds to the area. The project would be fully funded and set up by the boys, with the help from a donation from Lowe's. They proposed the placement of two birdhouses near the tranquility garden, another two to four birdhouses around the walking paths and also throughout the park. The RAC discussed their concern for the stability of the birdbaths where young children could access them, but if they were made in a way and/or placed in an area they could be safe. The RAC did not see any other issues with the project.

A motion was made to support this process and recommend it to the BOC, as well as putting the students in touch with Ms. Joanne Conley of Urban Research and Development Corporation (URDC) to discuss location and specifics pertaining to placement of the birdhouses in the park.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Adamcik, and approved unanimously by the committee at 8:20PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, July 17, 2017, 7:30PM, at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Jacoby
Secretary, Recreation Advisory Committee