

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 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, and Patrick Jacoby. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director.

Approval of May 2017 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. Adamcik, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Recreation Committee approved the May 15, 2017, meeting minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Mark Wilson: Questioned the status of the birdhouse project discussed at a previous meeting. Conclusion was that the boys forwarded to the EAC to discuss the materials being used for the project after concerns about their stability arose.

Frank Adamcik: One of the backboards on the Laubach basketball court needs to be reinforced as it makes a rattling sound like it could fall off when the ball hits it.

Patrick Jacoby: Discussed issues regarding the Devonshire tennis courts and Wednesday nights at the Park Program, included below in Genny Baillie's staff report.

Staff Reports & Updates:

Genny Baillie:

- Playground Program
 - There has been good attendance at each park so far this year, and the staff has performed great
 - Only 1 cancelation through the first 4 weeks due to rain
 - The library book van had seen a lot of success before the rain canceled it's last two visits.
 - Movie night saw higher numbers than last year, for the movie "Sing."
 - A few issues seen this year include:
 - Fallen tree at Laubach during the program, bent a fence but no injuries
 - Dealing with adults and children, not part of the Park Program, using the park and engaging with the program's participants, making it difficult for counselors to manage the surveillance and safety of the Park Program Participants.
 - Mrs. Baillie questioned how much the counselors are expected to be responsible for to supervise the participants of the program in these circumstances and wondered if closing the parks during Park Program hours is a solution. RAC was in agreement.
 - The annual Park Day is scheduled for next Wednesday July 26th, with a rain date of Thursday July 27th. Next week is also the last week of the 2017 program.

- Devonshire Tennis Courts:
 - The tennis courts at Devonshire Park have been unplayable for years and are now beginning to be unusable for any type of play due to their worsening condition. With large cracks and grass growing from the surface, the courts are not fit for any activity, let alone tennis play. The surrounding fence has also become a major safety hazard.
 - A few years ago, a hole started to appear in the fencing on the front side of the courts. After being reported through the RAC and Park Program staff, the only "solution" to "fix" the problem was to move a trash can in front of the hole. Over time, the hole has grown bigger and others

have started to form as well. The RAC believes these too are safety risks that need to be addressed as soon as possible.

- After some discussion about the worsening conditions of the courts and the surrounding fence, the RAC agreed it would be in the townships best interest to address these problems by way of installing new courts and new fencing. The courts are beyond repair and should be completely replaced. Completing this would allow tennis to return to Devonshire Park and even add another option for the Salisbury High School Tennis teams to practice, while not tying-up the courts at Lindberg Park, which see a lot of action from the local residents.

New Business:

RAC Addition: At their June meeting, the Board of Commissioners appointed Kim Ringhoffer, of the 1st Ward, to the open seat on the Recreation Advisory Committee. Kim is involved with the Salisbury Park Program as a head counselor. She could not be in attendance at tonight's meeting due to a previously scheduled trip, but the RAC is looking forward to welcoming her at the September meeting.

2017 Park Tours: The RAC has scheduled their yearly tours to evaluate the condition of each township park for 6pm on Monday September 11th, and Monday September 25th.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Adamcik, seconded by Mr. Jacoby, and approved unanimously by the committee at 8:30PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 18, 2017, 7:30PM, at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Jacoby

Secretary, Recreation Advisory Committee