

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2019**

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 7:34PM. Committee members in attendance: Frank McCullough, Frank Adamcik, Mark Wilson, Patrick Jacoby. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director.

Approval of November 2019 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Jacoby, the Recreation Committee approved the September 16, 2019, meeting minutes. All in favor.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Kim Ringhoffer (1st Ward): No Report

Frank Adamcik (2nd Ward): No Report

Patrick Jacoby (3rd Ward): Additional trees taken down at Lindberg park

Mark Wilson (4th Ward): No Report

Frank McCullough (5th Ward): Some things at Lindberg Park could be fixed, but nothing dangerous so will report back next meeting.

Staff Reports & Updates:

Genny Baillie:

- New playground equipment was installed at Devonshire Park. During the process, grass had been torn up and is planning to be fixed.
- In January, the RAC needs to look at the 2020 Community Night and decide if some changes would equal more interest in the event.
- In January, the RAC needs to start planning the 2020 Easter Egg Hunt, currently schedule for April 4, 2020.
- Parks are now closed and the Public Work crews are currently leaf collecting around the township.

New Business:

Devonshire cleanup: Vance Bowers, a resident in the Devonshire Park area, met with the RAC to discuss his concern that the equipment at the park looks bad and needs some attention. He said due to the appearance of the pavilion and volleyball court with peeling paint, and the deteriorating surface of the tennis courts, people rarely use the park anymore. He added that he would like to see a walking path installed, like at Lindberg Park. After meeting with the Board of Commissions months ago, to discuss the park's curb appeal and its effect on property values, they advised him to talk to the RAC at their next meeting. The RAC's response was that they are aware of the current status of the park and that they agree the park needs a tune-up. They explained that fresh paint and addressing the tennis court situations has been reported in the past park tour evaluations after every season and that is the current status on that cleanup process. Genny Baillie also discussed the process of installing the new playground apparatus at the park and that it is a good refresh from the old unit that had been showing some wear. Finally, the RAC explained that there was no full master plan in place for Devonshire Park and that installing a walking path is on a bigger scale than the current issues we are talking about at the park as it takes years to plan and implement a master plan(see Lindberg & Laubach/Franko). Because of this, and the steep elevation of the park, a walking path is almost certainly out of the question at this time. Bowers responded in agreement with what the RAC had explained and urged the township to move forward with the issues in the park tour reports, reiterating it would be a positive for curb appeal.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. McCullough, and approved unanimously by the committee at 8:06PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 20, 2020, 7:30PM, at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Jacoby

Vice Chairman, Recreation Advisory Committee