

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

TAPING OF MEETING

The Chairperson asks if anyone is taping the meeting this evening, other than the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) Secretary. A handwritten record of the meeting was done by the Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Additions, corrections, and approval of the minutes as prepared for the November 14, 2023, RAC meeting.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Safety and Rules – Continue discussion about revisions to the current Township park rules.

- After Hours Use - Township park rules need to be updated to reflect occasional after dusk use. **This was already addressed in the rules and regulations.**
- Barto Community Park Parking Lot Lighting – This is currently being addressed by the Township BOS and Manager.

Review and approval of draft letter from RAC to Township BOS with recommended revisions to the Township Parks, Recreation Areas, and Open Spaces Ordinance.

Potential Activities and Events – Open discussion on events and activities the Township may potentially offer at the Township parks.

- Previously discussed potential activities and events:
 - Farmers Market – Barto Community Park – Monthly, Spring – Fall, Longacres, 2 farms north of Bally, Winer’s, Wendy’s Flowers, Crow

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Hill Farms, Flower Farm, Sweets Café, Boyertown Farmer's Market – Thursdays.

- Easter Egg Hunt – Barto Community Park - Easter
- Bingo – SSM Community Room – Monthly, Weekends Afternoon – Possibly jointly with Bally Senior Center.
- Car Show – Not recommended.
- Seed / Plant Swap – Barto Community Park - Spring
- Community Yard Sale – Barto Community Park - Spring
- Craft Fair – Barto Community Park & SSM Community Room – Fall, crafts only, possible bands
- Sidewalk Art Contest – 9-12 prizes
- Concert Events, Amateur Hour (Student Bands)

Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan

- Review and discuss member's revisions and suggested improvements to the Draft Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan.
- Develop a list of priorities moving forward.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

- Kate's Place, and Reserve at Barto – Unclear if there is a potential for open space.
- Camp Camino – Minor Plan, no open space provided.
- 1606 Main Street – Minor Plan, no open space required.
- Beverly Melcher and Stauffer Road – Minor Plans, no open space required.
- Edison Walk – Edison Walk land swap was approved by the court. Will add an additional 2.53 acres to Barto Community Park.
- Barto Road Re-alignment – Will add an additional 2.50 acres to Barto Community Park.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Update committee member's contact information.
- Possibly develop a RAC specific Facebook page.
- Procedures to communicate with Township Planning Committee and BOS.
- Township Recreational Budget should be reviewed by the RAC and allow RAC to provide recommendations to the Township BOS. Letter?
- Edison Walk open space – Native PA prairie grasses (<https://extension.psu.edu/warm-season-grasses-and-wildlife>)
- Contact made with BARDS and Bechtelsville Org. and both groups are interested in meeting during the 1st quarter 2024. Date?

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- Incorporate Edison Walk, Hoffman Estates and Reserve at Bally Spring into one park or keep Reserve at Bally Spring separate?
- Park Renaming – Middle Creek Nature Preserve or Middle Creek Nature Preserve and The Woodlands? Recommendation letter to BOS with new name?
- Develop township wide map with locations of lands that future acquisitions would benefit our parks and recreation areas. Share with Planning Committee?
- Set up Washington Township Tree Fund. Recommendation letter to BOS to revise SALDO? Apply to Minor and Major Plans?

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next RAC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion and second to adjourn.