

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following RAC members were present: Dwayne Henne, Tara Christman and Mark Bedle. Dave Laxx was absent, Also, present was Board of Supervisor Romney Long. No members of the public were present at the meeting.

TAPING OF MEETING

It was noted that no one was taping the meeting this evening. The meeting was documented by the RAC Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All members present approved the Draft April 9, 2024, RAC Meeting Minutes.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

ACTION ITEMS

Environmental Advisory Committee

- Members present from both organizations talked about events that could be conducted together. These events included a scavenger hunt, advertise the recycling barn on nextdoor.com, installing rain barrels, land stewardship (Berks Nature) lecture and invasive species walk in township.

Washington Township Parks & Recreation Logo

- Boyertown High School Logo Contest. Member Tara Christman stated that the local school would normally participate with it was an area-wide contest. Chairperson Mark Bedle offered to create a couple of draft logos for the members to review. It was also discussed that a logo contest can occur at a later date.

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2024 Events

- July, August & September Veggie Swap – Farmers Market – Romney Long suggested adding plants to the event.
- October Trunk ‘n Treat
- November Bon Fire
- Also discussed was summer yoga classes in the Barto Community Park. Chairperson Mark Bedle will send draft flyer to Tara Chrisman for her review.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

None

RECREATION FUND & GRANTS

- Current Grant Status. Chairperson Mark Bedle gave a brief overview of the current grant status. Mark Bedle stated that the playground at WTP needs to be replaced and might occur prior to the development of a master plan for that park. Member Dwayne Henne mentioned doing a Nature Playground for the replacement of the one at Washington Township Park. Mark Bedle stated that he is going to reach out to YSM to discuss maybe doing the playground replacement at WTP prior to the master plan.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Field Rental Agreements – Chairperson Mark Bedle informed the members that meetings have been conducted and revised rental agreements will be sent out sometime this summer. Member Tara Christmas stated that “no fireworks” should be included in the revised rental agreements. All members agreed.
- Supply Well Sampling – Chairperson Mark Bedle informed the members that the RAC is recommending to the BOS the sampling of both supply wells in an effort to get water service available at the BCP pavilion.
- Tree Fund – no action
- Wetlands Study – no action
- Crosswalk on Niantic Road – Chairperson Mark Bedle informed the members that this project is on hold until further grant money is obtained.

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BOS RECOMMENDATION LETTERS & REPORTS

- Draft Parks & Recreation Board formation recommendation letter to BOS. This letter was revised to clearly state the Parks & Recreation Board will remain an advisory committee to the BOS and PC. All members approved the draft letter.
- Draft May 2024 RAC Report. All members approved the draft May 2024 RAC Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next RAC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and seconded by Tara Christman to adjourn the May 14, 2024, RAC meeting at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle
RAC Chairperson