

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

Chairperson Mark Bedle called the Washington Township Recreation Advisory Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., at the Washington Township Conference Room.

**ROLL CALL**

The following RAC members were present: Tara Christman, Dwayne Henne, and Mark Bedle. Also, present was Board of Supervisor Romney Long. Two members of the public were present at the meeting.

**TAPING OF MEETING**

It was noted that no one was taping the meeting. The RAC Secretary is keeping a handwritten record of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and seconded by Tara Christman to approve the draft meeting minutes for the July 9, 2024, meeting. All members approved the minutes as prepared for the July 9, 2024, RAC meeting.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2024 Events**

- Plant and Veggie Swap & Farmers Market – August 3, 2024 –Mark Bedle indicated that the event went well and \$28 in donations.
- Plant and Veggie Swap & Farmers Market – September 7, 2024. Mark Bedle showed the member the new signs and stated he would place them at the two parks, Member Tara Christman’s lawn and on Route 100, near Barto Road.
- Trunk n’ Treat: October 26, 2024. The 27<sup>th</sup> will be the rain date, Dwayne Henny will work the event. It will be conducted from 6pm to 7:30pm. Mark Bedle will request funds for candy from the BOS at this month’s meeting. Both Eastern Berks FD and Bally EMS will be present at the event.

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- Craft Fair: November 2, 2024. The round flyer was chosen, and Joan Gouldner provided a draft application. Chairperson Mark Bedle will prepare an application and present to BOS for approval. A discussion on how the event will be conducted and costs associated with the event occurred. It was agreed upon that \$10 would be charged for a space, \$5 for a table rental.
- Community Bonfire: November 23, 2024. The 24<sup>th</sup> will be the rain date, Mark Bedle will work the event. It will be conducted from 6pm to 7:30pm. Mark Bedle will request funds for s'mores from the BOS at this month's meeting. Both Eastern Berks FD and Bally EMS will be present at the event..
- Washington Township Lights Up (potential event): Flyer with locations of Christmas light displays.

**Parks & Recreation Social Pages**

- Chairperson Mark Bedle provided an updated on the status of the Facebook/Nextdoor Pages.

**Washington Township Growers Flyer**

- Chairperson Mark Bedle presented the draft form to be mailed to potential businesses and residents that might want to be listed in the Township Grown Flyer. All members present approve the form to be mailed out to the businesses and residents. Romney Long mentioned that a couple of tree farms may be inside the township and should be given the form.

**SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW**

**1606 Main Street – Tabled until PC meeting.**

- LTL Review Letter – dated 5/20/24
- SDE Review Letter – dated 6/4/24
- BCCD Review Email – dated 5/17/24

**RECREATION FUND & GRANTS**

- Chairperson Mark Bedle reviewed the current status of the recreation grants. DCED 2024 Multimodal Transportation Grant was submitted on 7/30/24. Mark Bedle also reviewed the two new grants projects – DCED LSA-4 Statewide (Surveillance cameras and playground at WTP

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(Potentially) and DCED LSA-4 Berks County (Township wide radio communication upgrades).

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- Washington Township Growers Flyer – Mark Bedle is working on the information forms for this flyer.
- Parks & Recreation Board Formation Ordinance – Sent to Joan L. for review.
- Parks & Recreation Rules and Regulations Ordinance – Sent to Joan L. for review.
- Field Rental Agreements – Mark Bedle indicated that they were sent to the solicitor for final review.
- Tree Fund – Romney Long mentioned that we should include benches.
- Wetlands Study – Mark Bedle informed the members that Kutztown University are going to do the study as a class project this fall.
- Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project – Chairperson Mark Bedle indicated that the crosswalk project is on hold until additional funding is acquired through grants.
- Banner Advertisement – All members agreed that this would not be something good for the Parks & Recreation.

**BOS RECOMMENDATION LETTERS & REPORTS**

- Draft July 2024 RAC Report. All members present approved the draft August 2024 RAC Report.
- Draft August 1, 2024, Wetlands Study Recommendation Letter. All members present approved the draft August 1, 2024, Wetlands letter. A discussion took place on what we would like the deliverable to be for the study. Members agreed that recommendations to maintain and improve the wetlands. It was also agreed that EAC would be included in the letter to the BOS.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next RAC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and seconded by Tara Christman to adjourn the August 13, 2024, RAC meeting at 6:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle  
RAC Chairperson