

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Dave Laxx, and Mark Bedle. Also, present was Board of Supervisor Romney Long.

**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 Mark Bedle and seconded by Tara Christman to approve the draft meeting minutes for the August 13, 2024, meeting. All members approved the minutes as prepared for the August 13, 2024, RAC meeting.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

None

**NEW ITEMS**

- Easter: 2025. Members discussed different events including egg hunt and doggie egg hunt.
- Fall Festival: 2025. Chairperson Mark Bedle discussed planning for this event. Will talk with BOS at next meeting. Mr. Bedle will also prepare a draft budget for the event.
- Winter Newsletter Articles Ideas. Members discussed different articles including: Christmas Kid Crafts, Public Works Building Update, Barto Road Update, Smoke Detector Reminder, Winter Safety, Christmas Safety and Snow Plowing, Fire Company Update, RAC Update and Benefits of leaving some leaves on lawn.

**EVENT STATUS**

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**2024 Events**

- Plant and Veggie Swap & Farmers Market – September 7, 2024. Event summary was prepared. Mark Bedle will prepare a thank you letter for Q & G for the egg donations.
- Trunk n’ Treat: October 26, 2024. It was discussed about potentially canceling this event. Lack of people interested in setting up cars for event.
- Craft Fair: November 9, 2024. Mark Bedle stated that we currently have 6 vendors for the Craft Fair.
- Community Bonfire: November 23, 2024
- Washington Township Lights Up Flyer. Mark Bedle stated that he is currently working on this event flyer.

**2025 Events**

The following 2025 events were briefly discussed during the meeting. Possibly merging fall invents into the fall festival.

- Plant and Veggie Swap & Farmers Market: Spring (plants) & Summer / Fall (Veggies) 2025
- Trunk n’ Treat: October 2025
- Craft Fair: November 2025
- Community Bonfire: November 2025

**SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW**

**1606 Main Street - Tabled**

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

**RECREATION FUND & GRANTS**

- 2025 Budget. Mark Bedle stated that he plans to present a draft 2025 budget to the RAC on the October 2024 meeting.
- Current Grant Status. Mark Bedle gave a brief overview of the status of multiple grants.

**OLD ITEMS**

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- Washington Township Growers Flyer. Mark Bedle stated that there was very little interest in this, with only 4 responses.
- Wetlands Study – Kickoff meeting was schedule for September 11, 2024 at 2:30pm at WTP.
- Field Rental Agreements. Mark Bedle stated that they are still be revised for approval by the BOS.
- Parks & Recreation Board Formation Ordinance. Will be presented to the BOS at this month’s meeting and hopefully will be approved for public comment.
- Parks & Recreation Rules and Regulations Ordinance. Will be presented to the BOS at this month’s meeting and hopefully will be approved for public comment.
- Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project
- Current Social Pages’ Status and Advertisements. It was discussed that additional advertisements will be placed on Channel 69’s website and the Towne & County newspaper.

**BOS RECOMMENDATION LETTERS & REPORTS**

- Draft September 2024 RAC Report. All members approved the draft September 2024 RAC Report.
- Draft Memorial Tree and Bench Program Recommendation Letter. All members approved the draft Memorial Tree and Bench Program Recommendation Letter.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Romney Long stated that the 2025 budget meetings are taking place on October 14 & 15, 2024.

**NEXT MEETING**

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The next RAC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mark Bedle and seconded by Tara Christman to adjourn the September 10, 2024, RAC meeting at 6:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle  
RAC Secretary