



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

5-19-2020 MEETING MINUTES

MEETING VIA ZOOM

Members Present: Andrew Vaskas, Vice Chairman; Denise Van Valkenburgh, Bill Unrath, Brad Dehart, Bernadette Downey Absent: Ken Lehr, Chairman

Staff: Mary Hundt, Director of Parks and Recreation and Recording Secretary

Administration

Andrew led the meeting in Ken's absence.

Approval of Meeting Minutes 1-21-2020 (February meeting was cancelled and COVID 19 cancellations occurred in March and April) Tabled.

Board Vacancy Guest

Andrew welcomed Bob Kacergis, former Parks and Recreation Board member and current liaison to and member of the Open Space Review Board OSRB). His letter of interest and resume was previously circulated. Mary reported that the position was advertised in In Great Valley Magazine, which goes to each household and business in Willistown Township. There have been no editions of the WillisTowne Crier newsletter since the onset of COVID 19.

The Board conducted their interview. Andrew noted for the minutes that Board Chairman, Ken Lehr, highly recommended approval of Bob for the vacant position. Andrew moved to recommend approval of Bob Kacergis to the vacant seat on the Board, Brad seconded; the motion carried.

During the interview, a discussion of his role as Parks and Recreation Board liaison occurred. The Board agreed to discuss the requirements and procedures of the role further in a future meeting.

Programming

Mary presented a new event and a Board discussion ensued. The event was a police and fire parade, titled School's Out & Congrats Grads! scheduled for the last day of school, June 10. She submitted the proposal to the Township Manager for approval.

GO WilMa! 2020: Mary discussed this year's award-winning outdoor adventure program and the adjustments needed due to COVID 19. Andrew noted for the record that a PDF of the program's Field Guide was acceptable for this year, but paper Field Guides were to be used going forward as they are an integral part of the program experience. All agreed.

Mary reviewed the Virtual Sports Camps being offered by the Township's camp programming subcontractor with the Board. These programs are an effort to accommodate families at home under COVID 19 quarantine.

Mary introduced the concepts of the Willistown People Pollinate program, #peopleneedpollinators. A board member recommended considering another name for the program.

Mary spoke about the Willistown Wonders-themed virtual social media and Willistown Parks & Recreation Enews program, #WillistownWonders.

Old Business

Planning

2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Survey Formal Recommendation: Mary acknowledged the Board's previous review and approval of the survey and asked for a formal recommendation for public release. Brad made a motion to approve the release of the Survey; Bernadette seconded; the motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Andrew moved to adjourn the meeting; Bill seconded; the motion carried.

Next meeting: Third Tuesday of the month, 7PM, location TBD.

All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary N. Hundt, Recording Secretary