



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
MINUTES 7-20-2021 7 PM
MEETING @ COXE MEMORIAL CAMPUS

Members in Attendance: Chair: Brad DeHart, Vice Chair: Bernadette Downey (via video phone); Bob Kacergis; Ken Lehr; Bob Kacergis; Denise VanValkenburgh Absent: Bill Unrath and Grace Frain
Staff: Mary Hundt, Parks & Recreation Director

Administration

New Business

Welcome Guests

Chairman Brad was running a couple of minutes late, so Vice Chairman Ken welcomed Steven Armstrong, Troop 7 Scout, and mom, Laura Armstrong, to the meeting. Steven was in attendance to attain his Communication Merit Badge which focused on active listening skills and sound reporting. Steven had volunteered at Okehocking Preserve and his family is an active member of Willistown Conservation Trust, a great friend organization of Willistown Parks & Recreation.

Approval of June Minutes: Tabled

Mary noted that the Parks in Tune & On Tap event scheduled for tonight was rescheduled to Wednesday, July 28, rain date Friday, July 30 due to a band scheduling conflict.

Old Business

None

Planning

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan

Mary reviewed her *Comp Plan Update and Official Map Logistics* document that she had previously sent to the Board. She reported that the Comp Plan consultant had requested as of last week that the first few sections of the Draft Plan be reviewed and comments submitted by August 31. The document addressed the process by which feedback from the Parks & Recreation Board and Open Space Review Board will be received and incorporated into the Plan Draft and regarding the Official Map.

Park Management

New Business

Mary reviewed her *Dog Management Program & Way Forward Okehocking* document which she had previously sent to the Board. The document itemized her conversation with Willistown's Chief of Police regarding dog management at Okehocking. A conversation that was born out of the high level of concern of the Parks & Recreation Board regarding the behavior of dog owners at the preserve and a desire to communicate the rules and build community with the canine users of Okehocking. She reviewed a list of actions with the Board and a discussion about inviting the dog park committee to the September 21 Parks and Rec Board meeting to hear their ideas and what to let them know to expect. (Note: The August meeting was being cancelled due to the Willistown Country Fair and Parks in Tune & On Tap events.) The Board wants to listen to the group with an open mind and with their community representative hats on as they had listened to the dog training professionals at their May meeting. No decisions will be made that evening so that thorough consideration can be given and next steps discussed.

Mary will tell the dog park committee of the planned approach and will ask the group to send reports.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

The Board had a nice wrap up conversation with Steven and Laura and wished Steven well on his Malvern Troop 7 Scout journey.

Adjournment: Brad motioned, Bob seconded; all in favor.

Next Meeting: Third Tuesday of the month, 7PM, at the Coxe Memorial Campus board room, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA, unless otherwise announced.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hundt
Recording Secretary