



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
MINUTES 10-11-17 7 PM

PRESENT: MR. LEHR, CHAIRMAN, MR VASKAS, VICE-CHAIRMAN, MRS. VANVALKENBURGH, MR. BOCCELLA, MR. GRIMM
ABSENT: BRAD DEHART STAFF: MS. HUNDT, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
GUEST: MR. ARENA

Administration

Approval of August 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Tabled.

Board Vacancy Discussion: Christian Arena

Mr. Lehr thanked Ms. Hundt, Mrs. VanValkenburgh, and Mr. Grimm for meeting with Mr. Arena on Thursday, September 21. They reported to the Board about their 45-minute conversation. Mr. Lehr invited Mr. Arena to join the Board for his formal public interview. Mr. Boccella motioned for recommendation of appointment to the Board of Supervisors of Mr. Arena to the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Grimm, second. All in favor.

Programs

Summer Camps

Ms. Hundt discussed her recommendation to offer full day Willistown Township Summer Camps, including before and after care, in addition to the half day option, in 2018. She reported that the camps are administered and run by Jump Start Sports, and they were willing to expand. She reported that General Wayne School was only open 4 days per week and that she had inquired with the Sugartown School Property Manager regarding that location as a venue for the camps. Mr. Vaskas motioned to recommend the expansion of Willistown Township Summer Camps to full day including before and after care, while retaining the existing half day option, to the Board of Supervisors for approval pending successful logistics with Sugartown Elementary School. Mr. Boccella, second. All in favor.

GO WilMa!

Ms. Hundt reported that the 2018 National Collaborative Summer Reading Theme is music. The Board had fun coming up with nature and outdoor-based Inspiration Station namesake bands such as: The Beatles; Yard birds; The Monkeys; Rolling Stones; Black Crows; Smashing Pumpkins, and The Eagles. They got a kick out of the idea of introducing over 625 kids to this kind of music.

Old Business

Greentree Park Addition

The Board discussed their and the Open Space Review Board recommendations for acquisition, and Mr. Lehr will send a memo to the Board of Supervisors reiterating the Parks & Recreation Board interest in this addition, the need for and the merits of such an addition.

Greentree Park Grubb Road Entrance Update

Ms. Hundt will follow up with the Township Manager for an update from the Police Department on the 3-way stop sign research and proposal.

Serpentine Preserve Additional Riparian Planting with CRC Watersheds Association

Ms. Hundt reported on the planting that took place on September 30.

Greentree Park PECO Green Grant Awarded

Ms. Hundt reported that Willistown Parks and Recreation was awarded the grant, and she invited members to attend the celebration breakfast hosted by PECO at the Brandywine River Museum.

Parks & Trails

Fox Hollow Trail

Ms. Hundt reported on the great feedback she is receiving about the trail.

Communications

Ms. Hundt reported that Caroline O'Connor, the receptionist, is now also the Public Outreach Coordinator for the Township, and that she would be assisting Ms. Hundt with some of the Parks and Recreation outreach and events as time allowed.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Mrs. VanValkenburgh, motion; Mr. Vaskas, second; all in favor.

Next meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary N. Hundt, Recording Secretary