



## WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES 2-20-18 7 PM

PRESENT: CHRISTIAN ARENA, NICK BOCCELLA, BRAD DEHART, BRYAN GRIMM, KEN LEHR, ANDREW VASKAS

ABSENT: DENISE VANVALKENBURGH

### Administration

Approval of January 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes Tabled

### Ongoing Business

#### Parks

##### Greentree Park Addition

The Board of Supervisors rejected the concept of Greentree Office Plaza retaining the development calculability of the .6 acre field if the Township were to purchase the property. Specifically, they raised concerns about the impact of such an agreement and the impervious cover on the site. Mary notified Greentree Management who then requested the Township Solicitor's contact information so that the two attorneys could discuss possibilities to see if an agreement could be reached. Mary received the go ahead to provide this information.

##### Greentree Park Best Management Practices Project

Mary reported that, based upon findings of the Site Assessment to date, the project scope could be changing. In order to maximize the functionality and capacity of the on-site stormwater basin, further research and a possible redesign of the basin appear to be in order. Mary intended to apply to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for further design and implementation of the site assessment and concept plan; however, the potential redesign has delayed the necessary deliverables, so there will be no DCNR grant application for this project this year.

##### Greentree Park Grubb Road Entrance

Mary stated that she wanted to connect the design of this entrance to the Greentree Park BMP project. She will discuss this with the parties involved.

### Programs

##### Willistown Township Summer Camp

Sugartown Elementary School has been booked for the half day, and new full-day summer camps running from June 18 through July 20.

##### GO WilMa! Kindness Rocks Partnership

Mary discussed the new partnership of Willistown Parks & Recreation and Kindness Rocks as well as between GO WilMa! and Kindness Rocks with the Board. There will be more information online soon.

### New Business

##### Okehocking Dogs

Mary reported on an incident at Okehocking where a dog was seriously injured by another dog. She reported that Dave Burman, Township Manager, had instructed her to get three quotes to fence in the field. She requested the Parks & Recreation Board's input.

After a lengthy discussion about visitor and dog safety, and the preservation intent of the acquisition funding sources of Okehocking Preserve, Christian moved that the Board recommend a) the Leash-Free Field be fenced in as soon as possible, b) an ordinance review be undertaken to enable ease of enforcement by the Police Department of the on-leash rules at Okehocking Preserve, including the possibility of ticketing violators as opposed to having to cite violators, and c) approval of additional funds in the amount of \$1,000 for the development of outreach materials, signage, and events pertaining to

education about Okehocking Preserve, dog etiquette, dog training, and hosting events to build a rapport and connection with the dog owning community. Nick seconded, and all were in favor.

There was a discussion of postings on social media regarding the dog attack incident at Okehocking. Members noted that people mentioned the carrying of guns at Okehocking, and PA as a "Conceal and Carry State." The Board discussed additional signage stating to contact Police Dispatch with dog-related issues.

Mary proposed hosting "Puppies in the Preserve Parties" to build a sense of welcome and community with the dog owning preserve visitors and to inform them about the Preserve in part to help them understand the leash laws. The Board discussed potential events, and agreed to start small. Nick will follow up with Mary Reemer, and possibly other trainers, to see about their willingness to do a free training at an event, what their experience is with such offerings, and any ideas they may have to encourage safety and dog management by owners. He will put those people in contact with Mary.

Bryan will work with Mary on a tri-fold flier to include Okehocking information and dog etiquette to be shared with the Board for input. Bryan will gather dog etiquette rules as a start and do a mock up. The flier will be distributed on windshields and by hand to dog owners at Okehocking, posted online, etc.

GIS

Bryan inquired about the GIS mapping capacity of the Township, and Mary reported that the Township had two ESRI licenses pending use.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Bryan moved; Nick seconded; all in favor.

Next meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7PM

All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hundt, Recording Secretary