

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order (*E. Croke*)

Christopher Tomlinson	Chair
Dave Morris	Vice Chair
Kerry Boccella	Member
Noelle Powell	Member
Adrienne Smythe	Member
Michael Needleman	School District School Board Representative
Jeannine DePaul Nelson	School District Representative
Emily Croke	Director of Parks and Recreation
Ed T. Graham, Esq.	Commissioner

2. Approval of Minutes from January (*All*)

3. Administrative Report (*E. Croke*)

- Vote on Committee positions: Chair and Vice-Chair
- Welcome School District Representatives: Michael Needleman - School Board Member and Jeannie DePaul Nelson – School Representative.

4. Recreation Report (*E. Croke*)

- Summer Recreation Guide will be sent to schools in the upcoming weeks.

5. Park Report (*E. Croke*)

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiamonte Park:** No Issues.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** Replacement platform was delivered with damages. It was sent back.
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **Mermaid Park:** Input on proposed path and wetlands cleanup.
- **Sandy Run Park:** No Issues.
- **Veterans Park:** No Issues
- **Wyndhill Park:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** ADA restroom renovations are underway.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.

6. Old Business (*All*)

- Mission Statement
- Philosophy vs Mission Statement

Current Philosophy:

It is the goal of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to enrich the lives of our residents through recreation, enhancing natural beauty and by maintaining a safe, clean environment. We consistently strive to meet the best interests of the community in short term as well as long term goals. Our Sports Programs are based on the fact that children perform best in a positive, fun, learning environment.

Proposed Mission:

The mission of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is to enrich the quality of life by providing year-round leisure opportunities through diverse recreation activities, parks, and facilities that promote health, wellness and education inclusive of all residents of Springfield Township.

Proposed Philosophy:

The philosophy of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of seven fundamental components:

1. Springfield Township shall provide safe open space, parks, recreational facilities and programs for all residents.
2. All children in our community who meet the basic program registration requirements will have the opportunity to participate in Springfield Township facilitated programs.
3. Springfield Township will offer programs at a reasonable cost while providing quality facilities and quality equipment to both volunteers and participants.
4. The Springfield Township staff will recruit volunteers who will act as role models, mentors and facilitators.
5. All participants in Springfield Township programs shall be treated fairly, and without regard to race, color, disability, religion, sex or national origin.
6. Springfield Township youth sport practices and games should be an enjoyable, challenging and learning experience for all participants. The sport program should focus on the enjoyment of the sport and the development of the athlete – not the score.
7. Those involved in coaching and leadership positions in Springfield Township facilitated youth sports shall lead by example through the promotion of fair play and sportsmanship.

7. New Business / Public Comments (*All*)

- Township trails. Resident feedback.

8. School District Report (*M. Needleman*)**9. Commissioners' Report** (*E. Graham*)**10. Call for Adjournment** (*E. Croke*)

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm