

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

Christopher Tomlinson	Chair
Dave Morris	Vice Chair
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 March** (*All*)

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee unanimously approved the March minutes. Quorum was not met at the April meeting.

**3. Administrative Report** (*E. Croke*)

Administration is cutting back spending due to COVID-19. All staff are operating on a hybrid work schedule. One member from each departments works in the office once a week. The remaining days, staff will be working remotely.

**4. Recreation Report** (*E. Croke*)

Online programs are available for patrons. Registration for summer camp has come to a stop. No update is available regarding summer programs, events and camps.

**5. Park Report** (*E. Croke*)

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all playgrounds have been closed, basketball rims removed, water fountains shut off and portable toilets closed.*

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** No Issues.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** No Issues.
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **Mermaid Park:** No Issues.
- **Sandy Run Park:** Fence repairs completed multiple times due to fisherman cutting them down.
- **Veterans Park:** No Issues
- **Wyndhill Park:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** ADA restroom renovations resumed May 1.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.

**6. Old Business** (*All*)

Arbor Day Open House on April 25 has been POSTPONED.

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

Fishing policies for Sandy Run and Cisco Park were approved and posted to the new Township website.

The Park and Recreation Advisory Committee discussed Mutt Mitts that are provided in the parks. These Mutt Mitts are for dog owners to pick up after their dogs. COVID-19 has put pressure on the

annual budget and will lead to less spending. This is a large expense and is not currently being provided to the public. The Committee discussed if the bags should be returned to the parks once the budget permits. Sponsorship of each unit was proposed by Mrs. DePaul Nelson. During the Stay at Home order, parks are operating on a “Winter Maintenance” schedule. Only major repairs are being completed on an as needed basis. Mutt Mitts will not be returned to the parks until the budget permits.

The Park and Recreation Advisory Committee discussed offering residents suggested destinations for leashed dogs to use to eliminate the surplus of dogs in the playground areas and ball fields. Both Wyndhill Park and Mermaid Park are suitable for dogs to run on longer leashes.

**8. School District Report** (*M. Needleman*)

Mr. Needleman noted that construction for Enfield Elementary School has resumed and is anticipated to finish before the 2020-2021 school year.

**9. Commissioners’ Report** (*E. Graham*)

Mr. Graham noted all staff have been paid during Shelter in Place which will impact the overall budget and future spending.

**10. Call for Adjournment** (*E. Croke*)

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm