

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

**Please note that this Meeting will be held via the Zoom web conferencing program. (Instructions for participating are included below)**

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 813 0070 4104**

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

Dave Morris	Chair
Kerry Boccella	Vice Chair
Sara Hughes	Member
Michael Needleman	School District School Board Representative
Joe Ferraro	School District Representative
Emily Croke	Director of Parks and Recreation

Guests:	Margret Einarson	Wyndmoor Resident
	Emily Logan	Friend of Chiaramonte Park
	Juli Smith	Friend of Chiaramonte Park
	Diane Smith	MIP Foundation
	Patrick McGranaghan	Springfield Soccer Club

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

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee unanimously approved the March minutes.

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

Blood Drive donations continue at Recreation Center B. March collections totaled 90 units which will help 270 hospital patients. Year to date, Springfield has collected 188 units to help 594 hospital patients.

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

Summer registration are ongoing. Programs from April through August currently have over 600 participants registered. The P&R Department is looking to add programs on days the schools are closed during the standard school year in an effort to help provide childcare options for working families.

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

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
  - **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** Trash concerns.
  - **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** No Issues.
  - **James A. Cisco Park:** Fish Stocking – Friends of Hillcrest Pond.
  - **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
  - **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
  - **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
  - **Mermaid Park:** Eagle Scout Project completed by scout in Oreland Troop 1.
  - **Sandy Run Park:** Fish Stocking – April 1.
  - **Veterans Park:** No Issues
  - **Wyndhill Park:** No Issues.
  - **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Issues.
  - **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.
- Ms. Croke reminded everyone that the spotted lantern fly reminder eggs hatch in May. Keep an eye out!

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

Field Permits: Ms. Croke noted the department has issued field permits to the Springfield Soccer Club, Spartan Lacrosse Club, Spartan Girls Lacrosse Club, Little League Softball and Little League Baseball.

Fish Stocking: Mr. Morris has arranged the fish stocking for both Sandy Run Quarry and Hillcrest Pond. The first half of the order was delivered on April 1. Thank you to Mr. Morris for coordinating the order.

Park Use Classifications: Ms. Croke has continued research on classifications and appropriate use of public parks. Discussion will continue during the May meeting.

Seed Exchange Partnership with Shade Tree: Ms. Hughes has been discussing plans with the Township Shade Tree Commission. Ms. Hughes noted the volunteers are hoping to have the seed library ready for Earth Day on April 22.

## 7. **New Business** (*All*)

Fish and Boat Commission Enforcement: To mitigate overfishing and illegal fishing in Springfield Township, Ms. Croke has contacted the PA State Fish and Boat Commission. An Enforcement Officer will be frequenting Sandy Run Quarry and Cisco Pond during Trout Season to check PA Fishing Licenses.

Fall Soccer 2021: The Parks and Recreation Department has not update on the Pee Wee and Youth Soccer League. Ms. Croke anticipates an update will be available in July.

Springfield Little League Signage Replacement: The Little League organizations would like to replace the signage in the parks currently designating each field as the home to OWLL and FELL. The Little League organizers would be responsible for funding the replacement.

Trash in Parks: Trash has increased in volume in the parks. Ms. Croke reminded everyone to please contribute by picking up any loose pieces found blowing by. It is greatly appreciated.

Little Free Library – Chiaramonte Park: Emily Logan, friend of the Chiaramonte family, has proposed the donation of a Free Little Library to Chiaramonte Park. All PRAC members present at the meeting voted in favor of the donation.

MIP Kickball Event at Laurel Beech Park – *Recommendation Needed:* Melissa Delaney of the MIP Foundation has requested rental use of Laurel Beech for a kickball tournament fundraiser. After discussion of dates, Ms. Delaney proposed two options; September 19 or 25 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (includes set-up and break-down). The event consists of 8 teams, with a minimum of 8 players but no more than 12. In total, the event will host 96 participants, approximately 20 volunteers, and spectators made up of family members. Food and raffles will be available for purchase. Attendees will visit the check-in table before entering the park to ensure proper COVID-19 protocols are being followed. In addition to the kickball games, families will have access to games such as punch cups, ring toss, corn hole, etc. Ms. Delaney submitted a COVID-19 plan along with her request. Diane Smith of the MIP Foundation presented the event to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at the meeting on April 7. All PRAC members present at the meeting voted in favor of the event with a September date. Patrick McGranaghan of the Springfield Soccer Club was present at the PRAC meeting. Mr. McGranaghan noted the Soccer Club would be willing to work the fall schedule around this event. Please let this serve as a recommendation in favor of the MIP kickball event on behalf of the PRAC.

**8. Public Comments** (*All*)

No public comments.

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

Mr. Needleman announced that May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the grand opening of the new Enfield Elementary. All are welcome to attend and receive a tour of the facility. A traffic study will be completed on Montgomery Avenue with the intention of remediating any issues walkers and parents dropping off have faced at the new Enfield school. Mr. Needleman reminded everyone the plan to demolish the former Enfield Elementary School is in progress.

**10. Commissioners' Report** (*E. Graham*)

No report.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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