

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

Dave Morris	Chair
Kerry Boccella	Vice Chair
Sara Hughes	Member
Adrienne Smythe	Member
VACANT	School District School Board Representative
Joe Ferraro	School District Representative
Susanna Ratsavong	Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2

Guests:	Neil DiFranco	School Board Member
	Michael Taylor	Manager of Springfield Township
	Jonathan Cobb	Commissioner, Ward 6
	BJ Zellers	Resident, Pickleball Proposal
	Sherry Marcantonio	Resident, Pickleball Proposal

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

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

3. Administrative Report (*E. Croke*)

Update Permit – Fees will be waived for civic groups within Springfield Township offering free events. Permit fees will now be updated with the verbiage below:

Category C Permit – No Charge

- *Springfield Township based civic organization offering a free community event to the general public. No money may be collected prior to, or during the event. Security deposit will be required to secure the event date.*

4. Recreation Report (*E. Croke*)

Summer program contracts have been sent out and pending return. January programs include Magarity Tennis, Yoga, Martial Arts, Jump Start Basketball, Jump Start Tot Soccer and Princess Class. A total of 188 participants enrolled in January programming. The Springfield Township Summer Camp Guide will be available in a few short weeks – as we finish our final touches, please save the date for March 1st. Summer camp registration will open on March 1 at 9:00 am. Due to COVID-19, locations and protocols are subject to change.

5. Park Report (*E. Croke*)

- **Bysher Park:** ADA Project was approved to install paved ADA parking spaces and paved drive to snack stand. The project does not include paving for the entire lot.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** No Issues.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** Application will be submitted for the Montco 2040 Grant.
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **Mermaid Park:** Stream Restoration - Pond Dredging Bid Open
- **Sandy Run Park:** No Issues.
- **Veterans Park:** No Issues
- **Wyndhill Park:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Issues.

- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.
- **Tank Car:** Application will be submitted for the Montco 2040 Grant – Phase 1 of 2
- **Walnut Trail:** Grant application will be submitted for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Travel Options Program (TOP).

6. Old Business (*All*)

Skate Park Open House: The Springfield Township Skate Association held an open house on January 26 for neighbors of Laurel Beech Park. The event produced a positive attendance with several supportive neighbors. Numerous donations were accepted resulting in a total of \$3,000. Neighbors had the opportunity to leave anonymous concerns or complaints. The main concern from neighbors was noise and water displacement.

Commissioner Ratsavong discussed the skate park and the teen oriented nature of the sport. The project presents an opportunity to pair the installation of the skate park with a teen space during future Laurel Beech playground improvements.

7. New Business (*All*)

Little League Scoreboard Relocation: Springfield Little League Baseball is requesting permission to relocate the scoreboard from Marlow Field to Bysher Park. SLLB has selected two proposed locations for relocation within the park. The relocation of the scoreboard will be at no cost to the Township. As noted by the Little League, the sponsor panels will remain the same size and will be limited to (2) panels. The League name will be updated to reflect Springfield Little League. After review, the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee voted in favor of either location.

PRAC By-Laws: The PRAC will review the By-Laws at the March meeting.

Communication: The PRAC reviewed the importance of local community partners. A letter was sent to all volunteers on the PRAC to reinforce the essential role each member plays in the community. The message of the letter reminded each member to consider the result of each decision before moving forward with a project recommendation.

Similar to the process outlined in the Park Naming and Renaming Policy, the PRAC will develop a Park and Recreation Project Approval Process. This process will be for patrons who are interested in introducing a Park and Recreation related improvement pertaining to parkland properties or Township programs. This initiative will improve communication between the Board of Commissioners, the general public and the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee.

8. Public Comments (*All*)

Ms. Zellers and Ms. Marcantonio expressed interest in bringing pickleball to Springfield Township. Ms. Croke offered an opportunity to present a proposal at the March meeting.

9. School District Report (*N. DiFranco*)

Mr. DiFranco noted that in preparation for summer, working paper notice will be released in the email communications sent to all school families. The School District has released a three year calendar to the general public. The High School has adjusted stadium light hours to accommodate residents interested in walking the track in the evening hours.

10. Commissioners' Report (*S. Ratsavong*)

Commissioner Ratsavong noted that she will provide open communication between the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Board of Commissioners moving forward.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm