

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

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

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

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

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

The Kidz Klubhouse Camp staff training will be held on June 9.

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

The Township has processed 744 individual summer camp registrants with 20 waitlisted individuals. Registrations for the Fall Youth Soccer League opened on June 1.

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

- **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:** Closed through Fall 2022.
- **Sandy Run Park:** No Issues.
- **Veterans Park:** No Issues
- **Wyndhill Park:** Wood sandbox removal in winter months.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.
- **Tank Car:** No Issues.
- **Walnut Trail:** No Update.

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

Springfield Township Skate Association Update: Two new members have joined the Board. The 501C3 application is submitted and under review. A bank account is also established at TruMark Financial. Enza hosted a Dine and Donate in May earning \$450.00. Locals Coffee provided a raffle basket in which tickets were sold at the Memorial Day Parade in Wyndmoor. 5th Pocket Skateparks is working on a draft of conceptual drawing for the skatepark where the current playground is located. A design contract was signed which will cover the preliminary drawing and a few revisions. Matt Rutt, the owner of Landcore Consulting is conducting a survey which will include spectator seating as well as drainage.

Community Needs Assessment: This assessment will be completed to gain feedback from the Springfield Township residents and non-residents on existing parks and recreation programs/ services and to assist with current and future Parks and Recreation planning efforts. The

Committee provided feedback on the drafted assessment. Pending the discussed changes, a vote in favor of the assessment was made.

**7. New Business (All)**

Recreation Center Changes and Feasibility Study: During the May meeting, the Board of Commissioners placed limitations on the use of the recreation center buildings as an event space. The limitations imposed included restricting the use to Township residents, community youth sport organizations with a minimum of 75% township residents, township-based civic, non-profit or political organizations and federal, state, county and elected officials. In addition, alcohol will no longer be permitted on the premises.

The Board authorized township staff to meet with an architect and/or facility engineer to conduct a feasibility study to assess the condition and adaptability of the two existing recreation facilities. In addition to identify any existing structural, architectural, or building code and programming deficiencies, the study would determine whether it is more cost-effective to remove the buildings in entirety and replace with a single, purpose-built structure.

Friends of Hillcrest Pond Family Fishing Day: Mr. Morris reported that on May 15, 2022, the Friends of Hillcrest Pond hosted a Family Fishing Day at Cisco Park. The event had a large turnout and was a success.

**8. Public Comments (All)**

None.

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

None.

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

Commissioner Ratsavong noted the Feasibility Study may not be necessary. She noted it may be more cost efficient to bypass this portion of the process. After a quick poll of the PRAC, members agreed that the buildings are not meeting the needs of the community and a formal assessment may not be necessary.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm. *Recess for July and August.*