

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

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

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

Guests:	Terri Hopkins	Springfield Little League Softball
	Chris Hopkins	Springfield Little League Softball
	Jim Breslin	Springfield Soccer Club
	Angela Germano	Resident, Wyndmoor
	Frank Germano	Resident, Wyndmoor
	Dennis Colussi	Resident, Wyndmoor
	Robert McGrath	Resident, Wyndmoor

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

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

3. Administrative Report (*E. Croke*)

Community Feedback: Ms. Croke noted that the Township values community feedback. Without feedback, it is difficult to accomplish progress. As a friendly reminder, providing feedback can be done without yelling and/or attacking an individual's character. Please be kind to those around you. Ms. Croke noted that it is important to exercise patience. Good things take time to develop.

4. Recreation Report (*E. Croke*)

Through the month of March, the Township Recreation Department processed 369 transactions and \$107,000 in program revenue. A majority of registrations encompass summer camp registrations. Summer camps are beginning fill and are currently at 620 registrants.

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**: Project has begun. Mermaid Park will be closed through Fall 2022.
- **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**: No Issues.
- **Walnut Trail**: Design plans are being discussed.
- **Signage**: New Park Rule and Young Lungs at Play signs have been hung in all Township Parks.

6. Old Business (All)

Temporary Pickleball Lines: Ms. Croke shared concerns from a Wyndmoor Resident in regards to the new Pickleball lines. The Resident indicated that rules regarding court sharing should be set in place to ensure a friendly comradery between Tennis and Pickleball players. The suggested rules outlined specific days for each sport as well as time limits for each game to allow for optimal use.

Ms. Croke provided an update on the Pickleball Court Proposal from the March PRAC meeting. The presenters are waiting to assess community feedback of the temporary lines. Next steps will be considered once the community has had an opportunity to provide feedback.

7. New Business (All)

Springfield Little League Softball Scoreboard Installation: Springfield Little League Softball is requesting permission to installation a scoreboard in the center of Veteran's Park. The approximate location being proposed is in the outfield of the 12U / 16U field. The scoreboard will be 4' x 8' with the bottom of the scoreboard being 10' from the ground. The scoreboard will feature the Springfield Little League Softball logo as well as sponsor logos in alignment with Township Ordinance specifications. The scoreboard does not cast light or sound.

Neighbors of Veterans Park were present during the presentation to provide feedback and vocalize residual concerns. Mr. and Mrs. Germano noted that they were displeased with the recent changes to the park. As long-time residents, they were unhappy to see so many fences installed. Mr. Colussi noted he was pleased with the changes to the park and hopes the Little League will add more greenery. Mr. Colussi requested the Softball League consider adding shrubs around the shed to conceal the isolated placement. Mr. McGrath noted he would like to see the Holiday Parades and Fire Company Carnival continue within the complex. Ms. Croke noted that the SLLS organization has been reminded of these events as they plan for future park usage. As staples of Wyndmoor, it is important to preserve the long standing traditions that the community values.

After review and community input, the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee voted in favor of the location.

Springfield Soccer Club Sponsor Sign Request: During the past two years, COVID has presented obstacles for the Springfield Soccer Club to accomplish fundraising. SSC is eager to resume fundraising efforts to assist in development and expansion of the organization. Similar to the local Little League organizations, SSC is requesting Township permission to post yard signs in the Township parks. SSC intends on reaching out to local businesses to solicit sponsorships. In return, a lawn sign featuring the company logo to be displayed at Veterans, Laurel Beech Park and Cisco Park during SSC soccer games during the season which runs approximately August through November. The signs will be 18"x24" double-sided coroplast yard signs. The signs would be put out every Saturday morning and taken back up on Sunday evenings. The signs will not remain on the field during the week days. After review, the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee voted in favor of the request.

PRAC By-Laws Review: The Park and Recreation Advisory Committee reviewed the By-Laws. The PRAC formally requested that Ms. Croke update the By-Laws to correct the spelling errors. The Committee also discussed creating a defined policy regarding the receiving of gifts. Defined parameters would provide a clear process for those reviewing all proposed gifts.

8. Public Comments (*All*)

None.

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

Mr. DiFranco shared that the School Board Meetings have been heavy on general policy this month. The School Board also recognized the accomplishments of the Winter Sports teams on post season play and success.

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

Commissioner Ratsavong noted that the Springfield Open Space group presented to the Board of Commissioners at the March meeting. The appraisal came in higher than anticipated.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm