

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order (*K. Boccella*)

Kerry Boccella	Chair
Nick Matteo	Friends of Hillcrest Pond Representative
Lee Abberley	Member
Robert McGrath	Member
Asher Dahlgren	Student Representative
Susanna Ratsavong	Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2
Guests: Terri Hopkins	Springfield Little League Softball
Matt Hertzog	
Seth Harrison	
Amy Jacoby	Walnut Avenue Steering Committee Member
Tom McGeehan	Springfield Little League Baseball

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

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

3. Agenda Item Public Comment (*All*)

No public comment.

4. Administrative Report (*All*)

No report.

5. Recreation Report (*All*)

No report.

6. Park Report (*E. Baiada*)

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** No Issues.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** Project awarded to Ply-Mar Construction. Work to begin after Walnut Trail.
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **Mermaid Park:** No Issues.
- **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.
- **Walnut Avenue Master Site Plan Committee:** Mr. Lloyd provided an update of the DCNR status.
- **Walnut Trail:** Construction started March 12th. Project moving along well.
- **Recreation Center Advisory Committee:** Commissioners awarded design contract to

7. Old Business (*All*)

8. New Business (*All*)

Terri Hopkins presented this year's tentative softball season schedule. She also addressed the concern of a resident about dragging the infield and creating a large amount of dust. In dry conditions the staff will hand drag the fields. They will also spray the infield with water to minimize the dust. They are also looking into options to increase the water pressure/availability at Veterans Park. Tom McGeehan provided an overview of the baseball league's schedule. Both leagues' schedules are posted on their websites.

<https://springfieldlittleleaguesoftball.com/home> - Softball

<https://www.springfieldlittleleague.org/> - Baseball

9. General Public Comment (*All*)

A comment was made about geese being present at Mermaid Park. Mr. Matteo was asked about the effectiveness of the beacon the Friends of Hillcrest Pond acquired to deter them there. He stated that it was effective, but it took some time.

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

Deferred until the May meeting as Mr. DiFranco was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Commissioners Ratsavong provided a summary of the items covered at the Commissioners March Workshop and Business meetings.

12. Call for Adjournment (*K. Boccella*)

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:30 pm