

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M.  
DRAFT MINUTES**

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

Nick Matteo	Friends of Hillcrest Pond Representative
Lee Abberley	Member
Robert McGrath	Member
Neil DiFranco	School District School Board Representative
Charles Wattley	School District Representative
Asher Dahlgren	Student Representative
Susanna Ratsavong	Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2

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

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

**3. Agenda Item Public Comment** (*All*)

**4. Administrative Report** (*E. Baiada*)

Nancy Ashton, Recreation Assistant has retired after 10 years of service to Springfield Township. We wish her a wonderful retirement with her family and friends. We thank her immensely for her hard work and will miss her dearly!

**5. Recreation Report** (*E. Baiada*)

Throughout the month of August, programs included Martial Arts, Kindergarten Transitions Camp, Jewelry and Pottery Camp, GeoVentures: Naure Chemist Camp, Girls Lacrosse Camp, Jump Start Sports: Olympic and Kidz Klubhouse Camp. During the month of August, 376 registrants participated in recreational programming.

Registration for the Fall Youth Soccer League is now open on RecDesk. The season will run from September 7 through October 27. The Pee Wee program is a co-ed program hosted on Sunday mornings for children ages 4 – 5 years old. The Youth program is not co-ed and is hosted on Saturdays for children ages 6 – 8 years old. Currently, 252 players are registered for the league.

**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:** Ribbon Cutting occurred on 8/28/24. The playground is officially open!
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** Vandalism occurred on 8/20/2024.
- **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:** RFP deadline for submission 9/13/24.
- **Walnut Trail:** No Issues.
- **Recreation Center Advisory Committee:** Award Update

**7. Old Business** (*All*)

Recreation Center Project Update:

MKSD Architects will host a variety of interviews and public engagement opportunities:

Thursday, Sept. 19: **ZOOM**

6-8 pm: Public Zoom Intro Meeting (to be recorded and posted on Township site)

Sunday Oct 6: **IN PERSON EVENT**

9am - Public Activity Event at Community Day- MKSD to lead activity table

Wednesday Oct 23: **IN PERSON**

6-8pm Public Meeting at Rec Center Site

Wednesday November 20: **IN PERSON**

6-8pm Public Follow Up Public Meeting at Township Building

**8. New Business** (*All*)

Cisco Park Pavilion: The Township will not issue permits for organized use of the pavilion. The shelter was donated for use by the community and will be used on a first come-first serve basis.

**9. General Public Comment** (*All*)

Springfield Little League Baseball: Members of the Springfield Little League Baseball provided an update on the internal operations of the club. A Springfield Little League Advisory Committee was formed to address various concerns by creating four subcommittees pertaining to governance, finances, operations and communication. After requests for public input, 41 individuals volunteered to assist. Each committee shares a mission of promoting inclusion, anti-bullying, clear election processes. The SLLB organization is hiring a website consultant to assist with communication efforts. SLLB is also working to develop clear guidelines for use of the indoor batting facility located at Bysher Park.

Open Space Committee: Alexandra Klinger, a representative of the Environmental Advisory Committee and Open Space Sub-committee requested any interested parties contact her to get involved.

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

Mr. DiFranco noted that school has resumed for the 2024-2025 school year. The School Board will meet later in the month to discuss additional Middle School field developments.

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

Commissioners Ratsavong provided a reminder that the Board of Commissioners is in the beginning stages of the Township budget.

**12. Call for Adjournment** (*E. Baiada*)

- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 6:30 pm