

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M.
Draft MINUTES**

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

Adrienne Smythe	Vice Chair
Christina Kerper	Member
Robert McGrath	Member
Brian Sokel	Member
Nick Matteo	Friends of Hillcrest Pond Representative
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 September

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

3. Agenda Item Public Comment (*All*)

None.

4. Administrative Report (*E. Baiada*)

During the September meeting, Springfield Township Board of Commissioners authorized the hire of a fulltime Program Coordinator position. A job description is currently being developed and will be advertised at a later date.

5. Recreation Report (*E. Baiada*)

Throughout the month of September, programs included Martial Arts, Yoga, Jump Start Sports Basketball and Soccer Shots clinic. During the month of September, 400 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:** No Issues.
- **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:** Received 5 RFPs. Committee to review.
- **Recreation Center Advisory Committee:** Stakeholder interviews and upcoming meetings.
 - October 6 – Community Day
 - October 23 – In Person Tour of Recreation Centers – 1200 Willow Grove Ave.
 - November 20 – In Person Meeting at Township Building – 1510 Paper Mill Rd.

7. Old Business (*All*)

Park by Park Analysis and Rubric: Commissioners Ratsavong recommended the formation of a sub-committee to complete a park by park analysis and rubric evaluation form.

8. New Business (*All*)

Vote for Chair: After careful consideration, the Committee voted Adrienne Smythe as Chair and Brian Sokel will accept Vice Chair.

Springfield Little League Softball: Shed Proposal: Members of the SLLS program were present and decided to table the presentation for a later date.

Springfield Little League Baseball and Softball: Land Use Agreement Review: Members of the Springfield Little League Baseball and Softball were present to discuss changes to each respective agreement. The Land Use Agreements do not expire until the December 31, 2024. The PRAC members discussed how to improve each agreement. The Practice Facility will be added to the agreement. SLLB also requested for autorenewal of the agreement. SLLS has made no requests. The P&R Department suggested the addition of a code of conduct and bullying statement. Verbiage pertaining to subcontracting snack stands should also be included.

Members of the Springfield Little League Baseball explained the recent change in boundaries set by Little League National will likely cause an influx in registration from other communities. The Township noted the Land Use Agreement stipulates each organization is required to roster at least 75% Township Residents. SLLB members requested the agreement be signed sooner than December. The Township noted that changes will be made and agreements will be signed as soon as each agreement is updated to address outstanding concerns.

9. General Public Comment (*All*)

None.

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

Mr. DiFranco noted

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

Commissioners Ratsavong provided

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:30 pm