

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
Draft MINUTES

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

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| Arthur Walters | Chair |
| Sarah LoGiudice | Vice Chair |
| Joy Bergey | Member |
| Kerry Boccella | Member |
| Jay Overcash | Member |
| Jillian McGowan | Member |
| Asher Dahlgren | Student Representative |
| Susanna Ratsavong | Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2 |
| Jim Lee | Commissioner Liaison, Ward 3 |
| Ian Hammer | Director of Public Works |

2. Old Business (*All Members*)

None.

3. New Business (*All Members*)

Review concept designs: The Recreation Center Advisory Committee reviewed multiple site layout variations developed by MKSD Architects. The primary objective during this phase is to assess the facility's orientation, site placement, and building layout to best meet community needs.

On March 19, the Township received two initial design concepts and conducted a thorough evaluation of their advantages and challenges. Based on feedback, the team at MKSD refined the preferred design and submitted an updated rendering for Township review on April 2. This revised design was then shared with the Recreation Center Advisory Committee for discussion during the April meeting.

Key Priorities

The Township Staff and Committee identified several priorities that must be addressed in the final design:

- Safety – Ensuring a secure environment both inside and outside the building, particularly for pedestrians traveling between vehicles, the facility, and the park.
- Connectivity – Establishing seamless integration between the building and the park.
- Supervision – Providing staff with clear visibility of the building entrance and park activities from designated office spaces.
- Accessibility – Guaranteeing ease of access throughout the site, both indoors and outdoors, including safe access to the second-floor track.
- Indoor/Outdoor Integration – Enhancing the connection between the indoor/outdoor room and Laurel Beech Park.

Areas for Further Consideration

The Committee also identified several design elements that require additional refinement:

- Parking Configuration – Preventing the creation of an unofficial drop-off loop
- Traffic Flow – Addressing dead-end parking concerns and ensuring safe turnaround areas.
- Entrance Placement – Exploring options for a more centrally located main entrance.

As the planning process continues, these considerations will guide further design modifications to ensure the facility effectively serves the community's needs. The MKSD Architecture team is developing an alternative layout in which the building rotates 90 degrees on the site, positioning the back of the structure flush against the Laurel Beech Park plot. The intention behind this adjustment is to create a more centrally located entrance. These plans are currently in development.

4. Public Comments (*All Members*)

None.

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

Next meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm