

**MECHANICSBURG RECREATION BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

February 12, 2019

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**CALL TO ORDER** The February 12, 2019 meeting of the Mechanicsburg Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairwoman Ellen Wilson.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chairwoman Ellen Wilson, Kathryn Johnston, Lorrie Weber and Diane Wilkens.

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Deeg Meck.

**OTHERS PRESENT** Councilman Mark Stoner, Pool Manager Sue Canniff, Borough Manager Ciecierski, Administrative Assistant Sara Martin, Kathleen Snyder and Will Johnston.

**GUESTS** Kathleen Snyder introduced herself and explained her interest in joining the Board.

**NOVEMBER MINUTES** A **MOTION** was made by Kathryn Johnston to approve the minutes, as amended and seconded by Lorrie Weber to approve the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION** approved.

**ACTION**

**DISCUSSION** Kathryn Johnston cited a sentence under Parks and Recreation and one under Finkenbinder in the minutes where ‘to be’ needs to be added.

**REPORTS**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR** Sue Canniff reported that the summer brochure is at the printer, the sponsors for the Winter Concert are in it and the brochure will go out the second week in March. Summer Adventure Camp registration will begin in March as well. Information will be online and goes out to MASD students as a take-home item, not a mailer. Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> is the annual father-daughter dance from 6:30-9 PM, they are looking for volunteers.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL LIASON** Councilman Stoner thanked everyone for their help at the concert. He noted that it was well attended and very entertaining. *Manager Ciecierski reported that the concert made \$5300 in profit.* Councilman Stoner stated that he plans to streamline the work better for next year. Councilman Stoner mentioned planning for summer concerts in the park featuring an Air Force band and discussion on holding a battle of the bands with younger, high school aged musicians.

**BOROUGH MANAGER** Manager Ciecierski showed the Board the new pool passes membership software that the Borough is looking to buy and all its capabilities. He discussed getting credit card machines at concession stand, the minimum purchase amount and *Pool Manager Sue Canniff noted a cash vs a credit card line was possible.* Manager Ciecierski stated that the phone system at the pool will be the same despite the change in the Borough offices. Manager Ciecierski reported that as part of a Treevitalize program, DCNR along with a tree service from the area have offered to get together 25-35 people to

prune and remove trees in Memorial Park as needed. It will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. They are doing this for the cost of 25 t-shirts and lunch, any removed trees will be replaced.

Manager Ciecierski stated that the \$100,000 from Legacy Park has been received, he would suggest depositing it in the PLGIT account, which has a good interest rate and is on the agenda as an action item. *Ellen Wilson asked if the concert money will go in the PLGIT account.* Manager Ciecierski explained that even though it is a liquid account money going in and out often is frowned upon so the best place for that is in the general account under pool line item.

Manager Ciecierski stated that he is looking to have two part time people working in parks this year. One, hopefully will be Justin Lewis. If that doesn't work out he will assign one person to the park full time but then there will be no weekend coverage. *Lorrie Weber asked if the Borough has hired the same company to do the mowing again.* Manager Ciecierski answered that yes, he is working with Josh Greene on getting a day at the park when the SAC kids are located somewhere else, so the mowers can get in. As of now he has said Friday will work and that way if it rains, mowers can get in on Saturday. Manager Ciecierski stated that if the prices are the same he may expand what they're contracting to mow because it is the cheapest option.

*Ellen Wilson asked about getting the Aqua Zip 'ns approved?* Manager Ciecierski answered that the engineers are done, and he needs to meet with the Department of Agriculture for approval. He added that he is having a company come in to do updates and maintenance on the big slide.

## **PARKS**

### **MEMORIAL**

- Lorrie Weber reported that on nice days the pickle ball players are still out there. She asked if the winter nets are up. *Manager Ciecierski answered that both the pickleball and the volley ball nets are still the regular ones.*
- Lorrie Weber noted that the stage pits and entry stones need repairs done on them. *Manager Ciecierski answered that the person he was in touch with to do the work never got back to him.*

### **KOSER**

- Diane Wilkens reported that the first baseline fencing by Shepherdstown Road is curling up again.
- Lorrie Weber asked if the list of softball field assignment was out yet. *Manager Ciecierski stated that Recreation Director Brown would need to be asked.* Lorrie Weber stated that some of the fields need work done before use this summer.

### **FINKENBINDER**

- None.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **VACANCY CANDIDATE**

- Kathryn Johnston motioned to recommend approval to Borough Council of M. Kathleen Snyder to be appointed to the Recreation Board to fill a vacant position through December 31st, 2023. Lorrie Weber seconded the motion which passed with all voting in in favor.

### **SWIM CLUB TIMES**

- Kathryn Johnston motioned to recommend approval to Borough Council for Mechanicsburg Swim Club to hold outdoor practices on Tuesday & Friday nights from 5:30-8:00 PM and two swim meets on Saturday June 8 & July 13 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Lorrie Weber seconded the

motion which passed with all voting in favor. *Pool Manager Sue Canniff noted that as the 8<sup>th</sup> is the first day the pool will be open for the summer in perpetuity, so it will need to be posted and repeated to pass holders that it will not be open until 1 PM.*

**FUNDS IN  
PLGIT  
ACCOUNT**

- Lorrie Weber motioned to recommend approval of the deposition of land development recreation fees with PLIGT. Kathryn Johnston seconded the motion which passed with all voting in favor.

**OTHER  
BUSINESS**

**EASTER EGG  
HUNT**

- Staff confirmed that the Egg Hunt will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM with a rain date of April 20<sup>th</sup>. *Lorrie Weber noted that they bought toys last year for this year's event, but still need to get candy.* Manager Ciecierski answered that the Borough can order the candy from Sam's Club with our membership this year. Manager Ciecierski advised the Board to check out the Sam's Club website and look at what they would like to see bought for the egg hunt. *Lorrie Weber suggested peanut butter eggs and noted that the stuffed animals/toys will need to be separated in preparation for the egg hunt.* Martin noted that the April meeting is the Tuesday before the Egg Hunt and suggested coming early to do the organizing. The Board informally agreed to come early to prep for the egg hunt and divide the toys on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MAY 4<sup>th</sup>  
ELECTRONICS  
AND TIRE  
RECYCLING IN  
POOL PARKING  
LOT**

- Manager Ciecierski informed the Board that the County is helping run a program that will use the entire swimming pool parking lot to set up tractor trailers with multiple lanes for residents to drive in, have their items unloaded and then they can drive out. *Ellen Wilson asked if this would be an issue with new trees going on the 1<sup>st</sup>.* Manger Ciecierski answered that it should be ok.
- Pool Manager Sue Canniff asked if there was any word on when Community Day would be held. *Kathryn Johnston answered that it is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>.* Sue Canniff stated that she will have to refuse because she won't have enough lifeguards. Manager Ciecierski and Kathryn Johnston will approach Councilman Anthony and the other churches involved in planning the event about this issue, collectively.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business, a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Lorrie Weber and seconded by Kathryn Johnston. **MOTION** approved, and meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Martin  
Administrative Assistant