

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

March 12, 2019

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- CALL TO ORDER** The March 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, Vice Chairwoman Deeg Meck, Kathleen Snyder, Lorrie Weber and Diane Wilkens.
- MEMBERS ABSENT** Kathryn Johnston.
- OTHERS PRESENT** Councilman Mark Stoner, Pool Manager Sue Canniff, Borough Manager Ciecierski, Administrative Assistant Sara Martin, Dave Maher and Bart Miller.
- GUESTS**  
**DAVE MAHER** Dave Maher gave a presentation on the Rail Trail he has been working with surrounding municipalities on. Previously he was in to speak with the Board about the project the Recreation Board gave their support. He gave an update on where the process is at currently and requested the Board's continued support with (tentatively) Mechanicsburg as a name on the grant application, he noted that this would require no monetary assistance from the Borough. *Deeg Meck asked if the maintenance of the trail would come to the Borough once it is in place and what that would cost.* Dave Maher answered that currently it is only looking to a feasibility study, but in phase two they are hoping to answer that.
- BART MILLER** Bart Miller introduced himself and explained that he was approached about the position and he'd like to get involved. He elaborated that he has lived in Mechanicsburg for 50 years, was previously the manager of the pool, currently lives in the Borough and has a child in the school district.
- FEBRUARY MINUTES**  
**DISCUSSION** Lorrie Weber noted that in the motion regarding the funds in the PLGIT account should read "the deposition of land development fees" rather than "funds". Lorrie Weber also noted that the January minutes should have cited Gary Weber's donation of his portion of the band salary to the Winter Concert. Sara Martin stated that was included in the January Minutes. Upon double checking that was incorrect, Sara Martin apologized for the oversight and it has been noted here.
- ACTION** A **MOTION** was made by Lorrie Weber and seconded by Deeg Meck to approve the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes as amended. **MOTION** approved.
- REPORTS**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR** Sue Canniff reported that the recreation department is ready to go with the spring/summer brochure. It has gone back to the printer for its 2<sup>nd</sup> proof, which includes the thank you(s) to the sponsors of the winter concert. Sue Canniff stated that the SAC registration is open and filling up fast! She relayed that Recreation Director Brown advised all the lease agreements are out, not returned yet though. Sue Canniff said that she received an email from Lashay

Willis about doing an Orchestra concert in Memorial Park. *Manager Ciecierski requested that Sue ask for more details and logistics but let her know the Board/Borough is interested.* Ellen Wilson asked how the father daughter dance went. *Sue Canniff answered that it went well, and they had 240 participants.*

**BOROUGH  
COUNCIL  
LIASON**

Councilman Stoner had no report. *Lorrie Weber noted that she has contacts for the Military band for the summer concerts.*

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER**

Manager Ciecierski reported that the Community Day committee discussed moving the date as they are having trouble finding lifeguards for August 17<sup>th</sup>. He added that they should get an answer on that next week. Manager Ciecierski informed the Board that the pool pass software is up and running and he showed the board a card and the software. He stated that the Aqua Zip'ns application is up for approval at the Department of Agriculture. Manager Ciecierski reported that April 4<sup>th</sup> the pool is being acid washed. Manager Ciecierski advised the Board that Rec. Director Brown notified him she will not be doing the field scheduling next year so the Borough will be taking that over. He added that the Joint Recreation Agreement expires in June of this year and asked that the Board review it and forward any changes they would like made. Weber asked if the Cal Ripken league uses the Borough fields Councilman Stoner answered that the York Street field gets used. Manager Ciecierski informed the board that he has been talking to Schmooze Incorporated about a credit card system for the pool. He further reported that the parks employment will have one full time person and two other part time people. Manager Ciecierski stated the he has been approached by a Trail Scout group looking for projects who suggested installing bat boxes in the park. He suggested they do a bench for Steve Diehl. Manager Ciecierski stated he will send them the plans on how it would need to be assembled. *Bluebird and butterfly houses were also recommended.*

**PARKS**

**MEMORIAL**

- Chairwoman Wilson noted that there are a lot of branches down.
- Lorrie Weber stated that the pillars at the entry to the park need resealed and have needed it since 2006. *Manager Ciecierski advised that to pay to do that it will use all the money raised by the winter concert.* Lorrie Weber would like to investigate alternate funding.

**KOSER**

- Diane Wilkens reported that the first baseline fencing by Shepherdstown Road is curling up again.

**FINKENBINDER**

- Deeg Meck reported that it is wet, and the slide needs fixed at the top. Manager Ciecierski stated that the trees on the 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline were taken down and the stumps will be ground down.

Councilman Stoner noted that the park hours have changed back to their summer/regular times. *Lorrie Weber noted that people are using the facilities after hours.* Manager Ciecierski clarified that hours must be posted as part of the park rules but if people are using the facilities properly a little later than the times, nobody kicks them out. *Councilman Stoner advised that people were chased out at 1 AM recently.* Manager Ciecierski stated that someone broke the pool fence/man gate recently. *Manager Ciecierski reported that Borough*

*Council is reviewing a proposed ordinance change that would adjust the open container laws and could potentially have to amend the park rules to state no alcohol except by special exception permit.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**VACANCY  
CANDIDATE**

- Lorrie Weber motioned to recommend approval to Borough Council of Barton Miller to be appointed to the Recreation Board to fill a vacant position through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Deeg Meck seconded the motion which passed with all voting in favor.

**OTHER  
BUSINESS**

**EASTER EGG  
HUNT**

- Lorrie Weber stated that she needs the amounts from the previous year's candy purchases. Manager Ciecierski stated that staff can order it from Sam's Club online. Lorrie Weber recommended buying the same amounts as last year. Deeg Meck noted that they will need police tape to mark off the areas.

**MILITARY  
DISCOUNT**

- Sara Martin asked the Board on how military discounts should be applied. Martin and Borough staff were under the impression it should only be a daily pass rate for active military personnel with proper identification, but they had been receiving some push back from previous season pass holders who claim they have been given a discount on season passes for entire families and did not require being active military. *The Board confirmed that that Military discount is only for daily passes for the active military person, with proper identification.*

**SPECIAL  
ACTIVITIES AT  
THE POOL**

- Sara Martin advised that the swim team coach Mike Glumac agreed to provide lifeguards to watch the lap pool in the morning for an adult lap swim for passholders before the pool opens in exchange for the MSC being allowed to use some of the lanes at that time. She also noted that Sue Canniff plans to do water aerobics in the evenings at the pools as weather permits. *Deeg Meck asked how that would impact pool set up and noted that the lap swim may need to be cut off in time for staff to prep the pool for the day.* Sue Canniff answered that the aerobics would be in the diving well and not impact anything. *Ellen Wilson asked what time the lap swim was thinking of starting.* Sara Martin answered that they are still waiting on times from Coach Glumac who advised he would contact her with schedule availability after team registration this month. *Ellen Wilson asked how they would be paid.* Sara Martin clarified that the guards would have to be pool employees and Glumac noted that those who guard the practices are pool employees as well as team members or coaches. Deeg Meck asked how Glumac would check the cards. *Sue Canniff pointed out that the member cards will have photos on them, so he should be able to easily check them.* Ellen Wilson suggested cutting off the lap swim with enough time to ensure the pool is clean by opening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Deeg Meck and seconded by Lorrie Weber. **MOTION** approved, and meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Martin  
Administrative Assistant