

MECHANICSBURG RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER The April 9, 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, Kathryn Johnston, Kathleen Snyder, Lorrie Weber and Diane Wilkens.

MEMBERS ABSENT Bart Miller & Pool Manager Canniff.

OTHERS PRESENT Councilman Mark Stoner, Borough Manager Ciecierski, Administrative Assistant Sara Martin.

GUESTS None.

MARCH MINUTES

DISCUSSION None.

ACTION A **MOTION** was made by Kathryn Johnston and seconded by Lorrie Weber to approve the March 12, 2019 meeting minutes. **MOTION** approved.

REPORTS

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR Sue Canniff submitted the attached written report. *Ellen Wilson noted that under #1 Sue hasn't heard about the date for Community Day. Kathryn Johnston said she will reach out to Layne Lebo of the First United Methodist Church for answers. There was some confusion regarding #3, staff will have to figure out what is needed. #4 the Board suggested having an L-shaped height marker for the Aqua Zip'ns like the slide and to make the height requirement one foot shorter than the ropes. #5 Manager Ciecierski stated he will get in touch with Sue about the projects needed. #7 the Board did not find necessary and are not interested in opening the pool to liability should they provide lifejackets. Manager Ciecierski added that the pool was being acid washed today then it will be painted. Justin Lewis will be back the 2nd week of May and there are three part-time people working in the park to recruit for painting assistance if needed.*

BOROUGH COUNCIL LIASON Councilman Stoner asked if there was any response from the School about the concert they wanted to hold in the park? *Manager Ciecierski answered that they did respond, and they have way too many things on their plate so it's getting dropped until the fall.* Lorrie Weber asked about the summer concerts with military bands. *Councilman Stoner answered that he spoke with the Legion and they are very interested he has them on hold until he has a date from the band.*

**BOROUGH
MANAGER**

Manager Ciecierski reported that there will be an Arbor Day tree removal / pruning on May 1st. Shade Tree Committee Chairman Matt Witters suggested waiting until the fall to plant the replacement trees to give them a fighting chance. Manager Ciecierski informed the Board that the mowers will begin next week their schedule is tentatively Fridays with a rain date on Saturday. Manager Ciecierski. Manager Ciecierski stated that there will be a tire and electronics recycling event on Saturday May 4th in the pool parking lot, the event is in conjunction with the County. Manager Ciecierski reiterated that there are three part-time parks employees. Manager Ciecierski noted that the Sons of Italy couldn't make it to the meeting tonight due to a conflict but would like to put a sign up at the bocce courts marking it as the "Home Court of the Sons of Italy" *Kathryn Johnston was very much in favor.*

PARKS

MEMORIAL

- Ellen Wilson noted that there are holes in the bocce courts and the bushes next to them could use trimming.
- Ellen Wilson reported that the branches over the baby swings are very low. *Manager Ciecierski answered that as soon as he can get a crew out to the park he will. He needs more than one part-time person to do that job for safety reasons.*
- Lorrie Weber reported that she found a mason to fix the entrance stones.
- Lorrie Weber asked about the paint on the roof of the pool needs a touch up. *Manager Ciecierski stated that he is researching replacing the roof with a with 50-year warranty roof.*
- Lorrie Weber asked if there was a problem at the pool recently. *Manager Ciecierski answered that there was a valve going into the bathrooms that was leaking, but Zimmerman's got it fixed as part of the work they did turning the water on in the park for the season.*
- Manager Ciecierski reported that he is looking at power flush toilets for the bathrooms to replace the low flow toilets that are currently in place. He noted that the Borough has saved a lot of money on water now that the men's room has waterless urinals compared to the constantly running trough that used to be in there. The Borough would use some of that saved money to get new toilets because staff is spending a ridiculous amount of time unclogging toilets. *Lorrie Weber asked about re-opening the toilets near the train tracks. Councilman Stoner answered that the pipes were taken out there.*

KOSER

- Diane Wilkens reported that she emailed Manager Ciecierski on Saturday about a rusted-out grill, but he was already aware.
- Diane Wilkens asked about new/more tan bark for the play equipment. *Manager Ciecierski answered that it is on the list for the Highway Department and the Superintendent is aware.*
- Diane Wilkens mentioned the fence curling up issue from last month.

FINKENBINDER

- Deeg Meck reported that she sent a list to Manager Ciecierski via email on items that need taken care of in the park.
- Potential ways to fix the broken playground equipment were discussed.

- Deeg Meck suggested a dusk to dawn light at the corner of the ballfield that would light the whole area to discourage vandalism.
- Deeg Meck also reported that the children who frequent the park would like to have a slab of concrete, so they can play 4 square.

ACTION ITEMS

LIFEGUARD RATES

- Katherine Johnston made a motion to recommend a raise in lifeguard pay rates by .75 cents as per the following chart.

	Current	Proposed
New	\$8.00	\$8.75
2nd	\$8.25	\$9.00
3rd	\$8.50	\$9.25
4th	\$8.75	\$9.50
5th	\$9.00	\$9.75
6th	\$9.25	\$10.00
7th	\$9.50	\$10.25
8th	\$9.75	\$10.50
9th	\$10.00	\$10.75

Diane Wilkens seconded the motion which passed with all voting in favor.

POOL RULES & ATTIRE GUIDELINES

- Staff suggested #24 be re-worded as follows:
24. The household pass is available for persons who are residing at the same address. Children under the age of 3 are free and not included in the family count. Babysitters (unless they live with you) are NOT eligible for inclusion in a household membership.
 Staff also recommended adding a rule that would read:
27. No persons under the age of ___ years old will be permitted in the pool without adult supervision.

The board discussed what age should be the cutoff and came to a consensus at 12.

- Katherine Johnston made a motion to approve the pool rules and attire guidelines as amended for the 2019 season. Lorrie Weber seconded the motion and it passed with all voting in favor.

MSC DISCOUNT

- Lorrie Weber made a motion to recommend that the Mechanicsburg Swim Club be offered a 25% discount on the 2019 price for the purchase of a resident, individual pool pass, on the condition that the swim club provide a complete membership roster to the Mechanicsburg Borough Office staff prior to the purchase of the passes. Katherine Johnston seconded the motion which passed with all voting in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

**EASTER EGG
HUNT**

- Ellen Wilson asked what time volunteers should meet at. *Manager Ciecierski said 9:30AM so there will be enough time to set everything up in case the Fire Company has a call.* Ellen Wilson asked if we have caution tape. *Manager Ciecierski stated he will be buying some this week.* Lorrie Weber asked if we have stakes for sectioning off the areas. *Manager Ciecierski answered he will be checking the park garage for them and if he can't find any purchasing them as well.*

SCHOLARSHIP

- Manager Ciecierski reported that he got the attached email today from Recreation Director Brown regarding pool pass scholarships. *Deeg Meck confirmed they are for at risk children in the district.* Who pays what percentage of the pass amount and what rates are used was discussed, but with no concrete answers Manager Ciecierski stated he would have to check with Recreation Director Brown.

**JOINT
RECREATION
AGREEMENT**

- Manager Ciecierski stated that the Borough must start thinking about the agreement because it expires July 1st. Manager Ciecierski added that the School District will not be coordinating the fields or handling pavilion rentals or pool passes and we're still spending \$40,000-\$50,000. *Ellen Wilson asked what he wants the board to look at.* Manager Ciecierski asked that the board note any changes they would want made. He also asked they consider what are we getting for what we're contributing. Manager Ciecierski stated he would like to know how many Borough residents are taking advantage of the \$10 off programs run by the recreation department so he can figure out if it is this a cost-effective way to do recreation for the Borough. Manager Ciecierski pointed out that Borough staff is doing everything but running programs in the parks, which begs the question: is there a better way to spend \$40,000 and get more for our residents. *Diane Wilkens stated that when you sign up for a program it asks where you live so the data on how many Borough residents utilize the programs would be available from the recreation department.*
- Manager Ciecierski stated that he must find the original agreement with Upper Allen for \$50,000 for the pool. He doesn't think Upper Allen is going to renew the agreement and the Borough needs to be prepared for that. Manager Ciecierski noted that we are in year 12 of the 20-year agreement and we need to begin preparing.
- Deeg Meck noted that some of the kids that come to the pool from the children's home in Shiremanstown have helpers and asked if they get a discount. Manager Ciecierski answered that if they've done that before they would again.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Deeg Meck and seconded by Diane Wilkens. **MOTION** approved, and meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Martin
Administrative Assistant