

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

November 12, 2019

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**CALL TO ORDER**      The November 12, 2019 meeting of the Mechanicsburg Recreation Board was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairwoman Wilson.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**      Chairwoman Ellen Wilson, Kathryn Johnston, Bart Miller, Kathleen Snyder.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**      Vice Chairwoman Deeg Meck, Diane Nace and Lorrie Weber.

**OTHERS PRESENT**      Borough Manager Ciecierski, Pool Manager Canniff and Administrative Assistant Sara Martin.

**GUESTS**      None.

**SEPTEMBER MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION**      None.

**ACTION**      A **MOTION** was made by Kathryn Johnston and seconded Ellen Wilson to approve the September 9, 2019 meeting minutes. **MOTION** approved.

**REPORTS**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**

- Sue Canniff reported that she is working on the winter/spring brochure and preparing for the basketball season to start. Ellen asked if the Wildcat Activity Center is done. Sue answered that it is finished, and the high school teams will be using it. Ellen asked if the winter concert made it into the brochure. Sue stated that it can. Manager Ciecierski noted that the date has been changed to February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. Councilman Stoner advised that tickets will be the same price and are being sold at the same places as last year.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL LIASON**

- Councilman Stoner asked for help acquiring sponsorships for the winter concert as he will be winding down his participation in the wake of his ending his tenure on Borough Council. Councilman Stoner reported that the Air Force Band got back to him and are interested in doing a concert in the Borough around the end of June, beginning of July. He advised that he has forwarded all the information to Borough Manager Ciecierski and will be relying on the Legion to handle most of the promotion as well as supplying food and beverages for the band. He intends for any donations collected at the concert to go to the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

**BOROUGH  
MANAGER**

- Manager Ciecierski reported that Shiremanstown has terminated their participation in the Joint Recreation Agreement because the cost, in the wake of Upper Allen pulling out, is too high. Manager Ciecierski informed the Board that as of right now the budget will handle participating or not participating in Joint Recreation Agreement, either way. Manager Ciecierski stated that he plans to reach out to all four parties and ask for sit-down with one representative from each to attend and see if continuation is viable. Manager Ciecierski noted that if the School District holds the Borough to the letter of the contract it would be an \$80,000 bill and the Borough cannot afford that, so staff will be sending termination letter with a caveat that a sit down to find a way to move forward in a functional way for all. The Board requested and Manager Ciecierski gave a brief history of the Joint Recreation Agreement. Ellen Wilson asked what it would mean for Recreation if we are not in the Joint Recreation Agreement. Manager Ciecierski answered that the main concern would be the pool agreement.
- Manager Ciecierski reported that he was very pleased with Sue Caniff and the pool staff as the pool managed to put away \$50,000 this year. Manager Ciecierski added that the pool passes will remain the same price as last year with the caveat that households with more than six people the per person rate after the sixth will be \$15 each for residents and \$25 each for nonresidents.
- Manager Ciecierski stated that the attached field permit application will require clearances, insurance and damages must be reported immediately or the applicant may be held liable. The application is at the Solicitor's office currently and will be ready to go at the start of 2020.
- Manager Ciecierski reported that Council passed the new park rules.
- Manager Ciecierski reported that there is an issue with the school district allowing the football Officials in the pool house. There is also an issue with a woman who injured herself while at a football game threatening to sue the Borough because the School District turned her down.
- Manager Ciecierski reported that the attached packet for the proposed new field house at the football field was presented to Borough Council as their last meeting. Manager Ciecierski cited the schedule in the back and the issues it would cause for the Summer Adventure Camp as well as the pool.
- Manager Ciecierski reported that the supervisor position in the park has been accepted. And they have one parks employee hired and are looking for a second. He added that there is a lot of repair work they will have the parks staff working on over the winter.
- Manager Ciecierski stated that he ordered a tractor and a new truck. Council has not approved budget yet, but it is looking positive.
- Manager Ciecierski stated that the Community group at Finkenbinder Park is looking at cleaning the graffiti off.
- Manager Ciecierski added that Trick or treat went well except for the rain storm.

**PARKS**

**MEMORIAL**

- Manager Ciecierski reported that it is a mess.
- Ellen Wilson asked if anything was done with the water fountains. *Manager Ciecierski answered that they have no drains, so it is not leaking he must figure something out.*
- Ellen Wilson asked if the bushes next to the bocce ball courts could be trimmed.

**KOSER**

**FINKENBINDER**

- Kathryn Johnston reported that Koser is a mess.
- Manager Ciecierski reported that Finkenbinder was full of leaves and wiener graffiti.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION ON  
PARKS  
COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN**

Manager Ciecierski asked the Board to please forward any Wishlist items for the Comprehensive Plan. He gave the Board the Upper Allen Comprehensive Plan for review.

Sue Canniff asked about any questions on her pool report. None of the members who had any were present so it will wait until next meeting.

There being no further business, Kathryn Johnston motioned to adjourn seconded by Kathleen Snyder the informal meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Martin  
Administrative Assistant