

MECHANICSBURG RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2020

- CALL TO ORDER** The January 14, 2020 meeting of the Mechanicsburg Recreation Board was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairwoman Wilson.
- MEMBERS PRESENT** Chairwoman Ellen Wilson, Vice Chairwoman Meck, Kathryn Johnston, Kathleen Snyder, Lorrie Weber.
- MEMBERS ABSENT** Bart Miller and Diane Nace.
- OTHERS PRESENT** Councilwoman Agerton, Borough Manager Ciecierski, Pool Manager Canniff and Administrative Assistant Sara Martin. Public as per attached list.
- REORGANIZATION**
- CHAIRWOMAN** Deeg Meck nominated Ellen Wilson for the position of Chairwoman for 2020-2022. Lorrie Weber seconded, and it passed with all in favor.
- VICE-CHAIRWOMAN** Lorrie Weber nominated Deeg Meck for the position of Vice-chairwoman for 2020-2022. Kathleen Snyder seconded, and it passed with all in favor.
- GUESTS** None.
- DECEMBER MINUTES DISCUSSION** None.
- ACTION** A **MOTION** was made by Deeg Meck and Lorrie Weber seconded to approve the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes. **MOTION** approved.
- REPORTS**
- PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**
2019 End of Season Report – Justin Lewis
- Sue reported that she is getting the summer brochure together and basketball just started.
 - The Board discussed replacing the lifts and the possibility of a moveable stair option. It was requested that staff investigate the state regulations and if the moveable option is permitted.
- BOROUGH COUNCIL LIASON**
- Councilwoman Sara Agerton introduced herself and noted that she is happy to be here.
- BOROUGH MANAGER**
- Manager Ciecierski reported that Borough Council updated the park rules and he has discussed with Council President Weber about closing the park road over the winter.
 - Manager Ciecierski reported that the School District is planning to start the work on the new Fieldhouse in March. *The Board asked if*

the work will interfere with summer activities in the park. Manager Ciecierski relayed that the school believes all their work with heavy equipment will be done in March-May and the renovation will not interfere with SAC or the pool.

- Manager Ciecierski reported that he has been discussing with Council President Weber the possibility to get grant money to put restrooms in at Koser. He explained that they would be like the ones in State Parks; a concrete tank, no flush, no water, no electric and with a solar fan so there is no smell.
- Manager Ciecierski asked that the Board send any Comprehensive Plan updates and ideas to him. He noted that General Code did the legal & editorial review of the Borough's Codified Ordinance and he just finished reviewing their 128 pages of comments.
- Manager Ciecierski informed the Board that the new tractor is in the garage and they will likely see the new park staff in their new white park truck driving around.

PARKS

MEMORIAL

- Lorrie Weber reported that Memorial Park is busy. *Ellen Wilson asked if the school is still using the turf field.* Lorrie confirmed that it was in use this evening.
- Lorrie Weber noted that Norfolk Southern left big cans out on their property by the bum path and asked if there is anything the Board can do to get Norfolk Southern to pick them up. Manager Ciecierski answered that he would put in a message to them about it, but the Borough could not even get them to respond to their tracks moving and the possibility of a sink hole on their property so he does not have high hopes they will respond.

KOSER

- Kathryn Johnston reported that Koser is good, she saw staff out doing work and added that lots of people have been using the park recently.
- Manager Ciecierski stated that if it gets cold enough and there is no snow Farhat will be in to do the asphalt trail for the Natural Playground.

FINKENBINDER

- No report.

ACTION ITEMS

Closing Memorial Park Drive in the Winter

Manager Ciecierski stated that he would like the Board to give direction on how they want Borough Council to proceed. Deeg Meck stated that she has heard about issues with alumni coming back and playing pickup games on the turf field from multiple sports (lacrosse, football, etc.) and feels the Board should inquire to the School District on how it is being used because their insurance only covers school sanctioned events, so if they are unaware of or turning a blind eye to unsanctioned use, the Borough is at risk. Manager Ciecierski noted that more thought needs put into this and the decision is not going to be made this year. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

WINTER CONCERT

Mark Stoner reported that all the yard signs are out in the community as well as many flyers. He asked Lorrie Weber if her husband, Council President

Gary Weber, can get advertisements on the radio again. Mark Stoner reported that he is working on sponsorships and need everyone else to do so too as we need those to pay for the concert. Ellen Wilson secured water for the event. Mark Stoner noted that ticket sales will help, but they expect to sell a lot at the door on February 1st. He asked Lorrie Weber to secure the donation of food for the band from JoJo's Pizza as their sponsorship. Lorrie Weber noted that Gary Weber will be donating his portion of the band's pay for the concert.

Mark Stoner noted that he forgot to recognize the Recreation Board's 50th anniversary in 2019 and that next year Memorial Park will be 100 years old.

**DISCUSSION ON
PARKS
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN**

Discussed under Manager's Report.

There being no further business, Kathryn Johnston motioned to adjourn seconded by Lorrie Weber the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Martin
Administrative Assistant