

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

July 14, 2020

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**CALL TO ORDER**      The July 14, 2020 meeting of the Mechanicsburg Recreation Board was called to order at 7:03 PM by Vice Chairwoman Meck.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**      Vice Chairwoman Meck, Diane Nace, Lorrie Weber, Kathryn Johnston and Kathleen Snyder.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**      Chairwoman Ellen Wilson.

**OTHERS PRESENT**      Councilwoman Agerton, Borough Manager Ciecierski, Pool Manager Canniff and Administrative Assistant Sara Martin. Public as per attached list.

**GUESTS**      Laura Martin introduced herself and reviewed why she is interested in joining  
**LAURA MARTIN**      the Board. The Board asked some questions about participation

**JUNE MINUTES**  
**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**      A **MOTION** was made by Kathryn Johnston and seconded by Lorrie Weber to approve the June 10, 2020 meeting minutes. **MOTION** approved.

**REPORTS**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**

- Sue Canniff reported that they opened for camp last week, there are no parents entering the building, and everyone is wearing masks. She stated that there is a baseball camp at Fisher Park, swim lessons going on in the high school pool and all instructors took training with the Athletic Trainer Dr. Zettlemoyer. Sue Canniff added that the brochure with camps for rest of the season is online.
- Sue Canniff reported that Tri4Kids will be a biathlon with just running and swimming and it has been moved to August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Sue Canniff reported that they are preparing for indoor basketball in November.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL LIASON**

- Councilwoman Agerton reported that new Councilmember, Joseph Bucher, will be sworn in next Council meeting.

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

- Manager Ciecierski reported that there has been no work done at the stadium yet, but the Borough was approached by the Wildcat Foundation for cooperation on the installation of a water main for the facility. He is hoping to have public restrooms put in as part of the project that would allow access to those in the park all year round.
- Manager Ciecierski stated that he sent pictures to masons for the stonework needed on the Memorial Park entrance, as the whole pillar requires repairs, not just the top.
- Manager Ciecierski reviewed the plans for pool upgrades: shallowing up the diving well, moving filters, replacing the zero entry tiles with

“concrete sand”, getting covers for the winter and sandblasting the inside of all the pools so it will only need repainted every 7-10 years. All of which can be done before opening next spring. Manager Ciecierski added that he wants to try to trace the lines for leaks and staff will install AstroTurf around pavilion.

- Manager Ciecierski stated that the Parks staff ordered a truckload of stone to be spread and will spray for bugs.
- Manager Ciecierski reported that there are two bids on the small pavilion roof but the earliest either can start is September. He noted the supplies for the large pavilion project are scarce, but that can be done over winter.
- Manager Ciecierski reported that staff built a bridge instead of trellis for the Natural playground because they couldn't dig holes deep enough due to rock. He added that it should be up in the next three weeks.

## **PARKS**

### **MEMORIAL**

- Lorrie Weber asked if Chairwoman Wilson sent the list from the parks tour. *Manager Ciecierski reported that she had not.*
- Manager Ciecierski reported that he had to email a U18 baseball camp that was using Rickenbaugh Field for drills without going through the proper channels and causing damage to the field. Since his email explaining that they need to register with Recreation Director Brown and will be charged for any damages they cause to the facility they have not returned.
- Lorrie Weber noted that a field hockey camp is being conducted in the volleyball court.
- Lorrie Weber stated that the fields are not being used and she doesn't know if it is COVID-19 related. *Manager Ciecierski explained that it is partly, but like every other year, the UAMBA teams block them up on the schedule then once their games start, they don't use them for the rest of the season.*
- Lorrie Weber mentioned that the parks look beautiful.
- Lorrie Weber noted that rugby has been asking for field space and she thinks we should give them space. She noted that it would be much cheaper to maintain rather than an infield.
- The Board discussed turning Shaul and West fields in Memorial Park as well as the possibility of changing over the softball field along the playground in Koser to provide a rugby pitch.
- Pickleball court installation in Koser Park was discussed.

### **KOSER**

### **FINKENBINDER**

- No report.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Kathryn Johnston made a motion to recommend Borough Council appoint Laura Martin to the vacant position on the Recreation Board for a term ending December 31, 2023. Diane Nace seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION ON  
PARK TOUR**

- Without the list from the tour the Board decided to wait until next month to discuss.

**DISCUSSION ON  
PARKS  
COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN**

- The Board decided it would be best to have a workshop where they can prioritize what they want to work on and set as goals for the Parks Comprehensive Plan. *Vice Chairwoman Meck instructed all to come with times they will be available ideas for a workshop.*

There being no further business, motioned Johnston to adjourn seconded by Nace the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Martin  
Administrative Assistant