

## Recreation Advisory Committee

February 5, 2019 Minutes

**Attendees:** Cindy Solomon, Ben Blank, Christina Buckley, Rich Sweeney, Mark Villanueva (BoE Representative), Theresa Miller, Ryan Kastner, Katie Kapostas (student representative), Quentin Kulick (student representative), Laurie Hullfish, Amy Gravenstine, Nicole Gillespie, Hannah Corbin (student representative), Cali Barton (student representative), Dan Posternock, Elizabeth Dawson

1. **Welcome**, Theresa Miller
2. **Chairman's Report**, Ben Blank
  - a. Majority of today's meeting will be around starting discussions regarding the Recreation Department's Five Year Master plan, specifically around field planning – see below for details
3. **Deputy Mayor**, Nicole Gillespie
  - a. Focus on the Five Year Planning discussion
  - b. The Mayor has a Wellness Campaign
  - c. The renaming of the Little Woods to the Barbara Rich Little Woods is on hold
  - d. The Township has new environmental contractors
  - e. No smoking at the parks is a topic to be discussed
4. **Board of Education Updates**, Mark Villanueva
  - a. The BoE continues in strategic planning mode, working with a consultant
  - b. The first session on Stresses on Kids is scheduled for February 13, 2019
  - c. The next public meeting is on February 19, 2019, Dr. McCartney and the Director of Curriculum will discuss the potential shifting of schools/grades and the possibility of full day kindergarten
5. **Director's Report**, Theresa Miller
  - a. There are changes to the structure of the Summer Camps. Camps are held at Baker, South Valley, Roberts, MHS and the New Albany Recreation Center. Fire guidelines provide a maximum number of children that can be accepted at each school. After feedback from both parents and staff (after last summer) a decision was made to break the traditional camps out by age group. This change

allows for more age appropriate activities at the individual locations. In addition, field trips can also be structured accordingly. This summer the schools will be structured as follows:

- i. 4 to 5 year old's at South Valley
  - ii. Theatre camp at MHS
  - iii. Special Needs camp at UES
  - iv. Rising K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Baker and Roberts
  - v. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade at New Albany Recreation Center
- b. On February 15, 2019 there will be a 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dodgeball tournament
  - c. Julie & Pete Bender of Moorestown Hardware will offer a woodworking class
  - d. All programs are loaded and available on the website
  - e. The Strawbridge Lake Paddleboard Event is scheduled for June 8, 2019.  
Volunteers are needed
  - f. The lake edge along Haines Drive was cleaned up by Young's Landscaping, proceeds from last year's paddleboard event was used
  - g. Princeton Hydro was contracted to clean up the Children's Pond at Strawbridge Lake

#### **6. Teen Member Update, All**

- a. The next Café Live is tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2019. The last event had 20+ acts

#### **7. Discussion of the 5 Year Master Plan, All**

- a. The committee reviewed the document put together by the Recreation Department and discussed the various items noted for each park/field. D
- b. Discussions will be ongoing as the plan development begins
- c. Keith Omlor facilitated at group meeting with all club presidents to consolidate their input for the master plan

#### **8. Old Business**

- a. No old business to discuss

#### **9. New Business**

- a. New Business was covered under the 5 Year Master Plan

#### **10. Public Comments**

- a. No members of the public attended the call

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 7:30pm

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