

Recreation Advisory Committee  
Minutes from Virtual Meeting  
Held on Tuesday March 1, 2022

**Attendees:** Theresa Miller, Dan Posternock, Diane Doherty, Lenny Wagner, Chris Schaffer, Sal Petriello, Jack Guerin, Mark Villanueva, Raghav Akula, Candace Coleman, Cyndee Solomon, Sara Wantrobski, Jack Dunne, Amy Gravenstine

Absent: Jake VanDyken, Tamara Johns, Cindy Snyder?, and Joe Horowitz (technical issues)

1. **Chairman's Report** – Dan Posternock – last month's minutes were approved with no changes.
2. **Council Update** – n/a
3. **BOE Update** – Mark Villanueva – disposable cafeteria trays and containers made of Styrofoam that were mentioned at last month's meeting are not standard procedure for the school district but were put into use due to Covid concerns. Diane showed an example of a cafeteria tray made of corrugated cardboard that would be both recyclable and disposable and Mark said he would bring this up at an upcoming BOE meeting. Cyndee mentioned that since our last RAC meeting, she was seeing less of the Styrofoam trays in use and more of the washable/reusable trays in use.
4. **Special Needs Update** – Diane Doherty – next SpEAC meeting is Thursday 3/24 at 9:30 a.m. via zoom.
5. **SLBC Update** – Amy Gravenstine – the permanent floating dock will be installed within the next two weeks. They are preparing for the June paddleboard event and a timing sponsor is still needed. They also need donations for the silent auction as well as other sponsors. Amy will be sharing the race and sponsorship flyers with the group.
6. **MoorArts Update** - Candace Coleman – they will be participating in the Recreation Dept's Summer Theatre camp as well as the Summer Concert Series.
7. **Teens Update** – Raghav Akula – volunteers are needed for the Science Fair on 4/6/22. The Teen Café being held on 3/19/22 will be advertised on the Rec Dept. website.
8. **First Quarter Committee Update** – Sustainable Energy - Chris Shaffer – the committee met with Greg Newcomer to discuss ideas re: sustainable energy. These ideas include: LED lights for fields and parks, energy audits from PSE&G for township buildings, geothermal heating and cooling, solar energy (pilot site is suggested). They would target the oldest lights first to replace with LED bulbs (probably Wesley Bishop). They also discussed improving the controls on all field lights, outreach programs to educate residents and children and requesting the township pursue

energy supplies from sustainable sources. Requesting sustainable sources may cost the township extra money at this point but may be easier and more affordable in the future. Sal discussed the need for more pre-work to be done before the RAC would be ready to make any decisions. He also mentioned that replacing existing lights with LED lights rarely involves just replacing light bulbs. Theresa will provide the committee with additional information on several of these suggestions (see separate email dated 3/2/22.)

Dan requested that the 1<sup>st</sup> Q committee meet with Theresa and determine two or three of these suggestions that they are most interested in pursuing and are the most feasible and then report back to us.

9. **Second Quarter Committee Update** – Single Use Plastics – Lenny Wagner – main focus is reducing litter in parks and athletic fields and raise awareness of littering and the need to care for public spaces. The committee discussed involving the sports teams that use the fields in cleaning up after themselves, possibly an Adopt A Field program, participating in some park clean ups and collecting the trash to photograph and display on Moorestown Day at our table, also taking photos of people (including sports teams) cleaning up the fields should be included in the display. Lenny mentioned a social media presence would help these efforts. On Moorestown Day (June) we would have a table with photos, trash collected and donated reusable grocery bags to hand out as an alternative to single use plastic bags (which will be banned by that time.) Local stores can be asked to donate bags or bags can be purchased with the Rec Dept's logo on them. Theresa will order the double booth for Moorestown Day. Candace met with Kahra Buss and Tracy Moore to discuss Daffodil Day (April 23) and involving Moorestown Creates in a project to make people more aware of what they're throwing away. This may be similar to the upcycling art challenge from a few years ago. Chris discussed the policy in Cinnaminson that says if you don't clean up after yourself on the athletic fields you will lose the right to use them. It was discussed what would need to be done to enforce a policy like this. Theresa mentioned the amount of trash behind Baker School and the need to get the no littering message into the schools.
10. **Director's Report** – Theresa Miller – Summer programs are open for registration online. The Summer Concert Series has been planned with the first two concerts in June planned for Perkins Lawn and the third concert being held in conjunction with MoorArts. Troy Singleton will be holding a volunteer group of about 20-25 people on Saturday 4/2. They will be mulching, weeding and cleaning up at the Pollinator Garden and the dog park. The dog park will be closed that morning to accommodate this. Breakfast Rotary has adopted Jeff Young Park and Lunch Rotary has adopted Fullerton/Zelley park. Clean ups will be done in these parks on 4/9 and 4/20. 4/9/22 is the rededication ceremony of the little league fields at Memorial Park in honor of the four soldiers who lost their lives in Viet Nam at 9 a.m. Theresa has received \$450 in donations from Moor Unity to replace and plant the destroyed flowers at Annalise's Garden. The Recreation Department has job opportunities for summer positions; application deadline is 3/11/22 and all applications are done online.

The next Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and may be held in person.