

Recreation Advisory Committee

September 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Theresa Miller, Dan Posternock, Diane Doherty, Amy Gravenstine, Mark Villanueva, Lenny Wagner, Sal Petriello, Jack Guerin, Chris Schaffer, Tamara Johns, Candace Coleman, Cyndee Solomon, Jack Dunne and Joe Horowitz (via phone.)

Absent: Jake VanDyken

1. Welcome by Chairman, Dan Posternock
2. Minutes from 6/7/22 meeting were confirmed with no changes
3. Chairman's Report – Dan Posternock: Council has asked us to review our charter for the Rec Advisory Committee. Dan distributed copies of the charter to all members present and asked that we review this and send all suggested changes to Theresa prior to the next meeting. Dan suggested we look at other township committees' charters for ideas to improve or change ours. It was suggested one change we may want to consider is that we may want to meet with the Open Space Committee once or twice a year for our overlapping projects
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. SLBC – Amy: a second floating dock is being installed at the lake; this one will be ADA compliant. This past June's paddleboard event raised \$16,000 which is slightly less than the previous year's total. The next paddleboard event will be the same weekend in June Of 2023. Amy is planning on organizing more volunteers to have more responsibilities in both planning and for day of the event.
 - b. MoorArts – Candace: MoorArts handled the concession stands for all of the summer theatre events and all were successful.
 - c. Sustainable Food – Tamara: Toni Farmer did a seminar over the summer for the kids at the Roberts School Rec camp and it went very well. Tamara is hoping to plan a similar seminar or class for senior citizens this fall.
 - d. SpEAC – Diane: The first SpEAC meeting of the school year will be held on Thursday, September 22 in the STAR center at MHS. Information on Challenger Baseball and both SMASH programs have been shared on social media with SpEAC members. Baseball starts on 9/17 and SMASH starts the week of 10/2. A few buddies are still needed for Challenger baseball.
 - e. Teens – Jack and Jack: Café Live was held on 8/22 and it included an art exhibit. Scott McCleary was the DJ and sound engineer this event as well as many other concerts in the township. He will be recognized by the township for his volunteer efforts.
 - f. Board of Education – Mark: the next BOE meeting is in two weeks. Superintendent Volpe did a presentation for the Board on improvements in school security at the last BOE meeting.
5. Director's Report – Theresa: Please see Theresa's email dated 9/7/22 for more details on these topics as well as several others.
Yancy Adams Park (behind Maple Dawson) is undergoing repairs to the brick walkways and paths. The Rotary/Food Truck event is sponsoring these improvements.

Remembrance Park (Camden and 2nd) is being cleaned up and upgraded by volunteers and an outside contractor.

SMASH was started by Sue Williams and is funded by the Monica Buckley Foundation. These funds are very limited at this point and we need innovative ways to continue funding both SMASH and the special needs summer camp.

Summer camp enrollment numbers for 2022 exceeded the numbers from 2019.

Fall concerts start 9/16 – see Theresa's email for more details.

Soccer program needs more coaches for the 2nd and 3rd grade teams.

6. Other Business: Sal is a ski instructor and he would like to organize a trip to Bear Creek Ski Resort in either late January or early February of 2023. He says this can be done with or without including ski lessons and would probably be best if organized as a bus trip (as opposed to having individuals drive.) Word on this should be spread now to gauge interest and start planning. Tamara would like to coordinate a visual arts program for seniors with Moor Arts and Perkins. Chris has been volunteering with the outdoor committee (Spencer's former group) and they are organizing several clean up opportunities with Rich and Henry. Two Sophomore Teen members are needed for the Rec Advisory Committee.

The next Recreation Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. Please note the change to the day of the week.