

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION
MARCH 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

1) Call to Order

A) Chairwoman Mazza called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call:

A) The following Parks & Recreation board members were in attendance: Ms. Mazza, Mr. Wurtz, Ms. DiPaolo, Ms. Mandracchia, Mr. Neilson, Mr. Ozorowski and Student Representatives Mr. Beil, Ms. Hallman, Mr. Price and Ms. Tse.

B) Also in attendance: Karl Lukens, Director, Parks & Recreation Department, Karen Hegedus, Recreational Superintendent; Peter MacFarland, Board of Supervisor Liaison.

4) Meeting Minutes:

A) Review/Approve meeting minutes of January 12, 2016

i) **MOTION:** Ms. Mandracchia made a motion to move the minutes of January 12, 2016, as corrected, into record. Ms. DiPaolo seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 8-0.

5) Old Business

A) Redtail Field Update (MUSC)

i) Dr. Doug Willen gave an update on the work at Redtail Park, including the ongoing issues that have been addressed. He stated that upcoming work included hydra seeding to stabilize the soil. He reported that there has been some unapproved dumping on the site and requested a gate be installed to prevent these issues on the future. Dr. Willen said the next step for the field would be to find a contractor to finish work, lay topsoil and smooth out field complex to create a playable surface. He noted that the key questions to be addressed are: creating a water source and power for the water system.

ii) Chairwoman Mazza asked if the gate installation was part of the original agreement. Mr. Lukens said he would look into the matter. He said that in lieu of a gate a curb may be installed to prevent car access and stated he would like to eliminate the temporary access road. Dr. Willen said they would prefer a gate or a chain as it is useful to access the fields to transport goals and access the storage sheds.

iii) Chairwoman Mazza asked for an update on the site visit. Mr. Lukens said he had met with Parks & Recreation Board member George Ozorowski and the contractor who provided the majority of fill and was shown where a pipe needed to be extended. He stated that work is now completed. Chairwoman Mazza asked if another contractor is needed for fill. Dr. Willen said they are finished with the fill and are looking for another contractor to for topsoil, seeding, grading and leveling.

iv) Mr. MacFarland asked for clarification as to the options for water and power. Dr. Willen stated they have been talking to Mr. Lukens about various options and discussion including extending water from baseball fields or coming off of Redtail Road. Discussion was had about the possibility of partnering with the township to put in restroom facilities in an effort to make it more cost effective. Mr. Lukens stated that long-term capital plan included installing facilities near the existing port-a-pot and that it would assistance from the baseball and soccer organizations. Mr. Lukens said the Township engineer would be consulted to make sure any plan is feasible and cost effective. Discussion was held as to possibility of

running lights to the field. Dr. Willen said that while it is something they would like to do it is not specifically part of this plan.

- B) Easter Egg Hunt – March 21, 2016 – 10:15 a.m.
 - i) Karen Hegedus reported that they have prizes donated from Penn Liberty Bank, the Library as well as receiving donations from The Optimist club. She discussed the various activities for which she will require volunteers. She stated all volunteers would be emailed with details on report times and duties. Ms. Hegedus stated that the event had been posted on the Township’s Facebook.
- C) Schedule Park Tour – Capital Projects/Eagle Scout Projects (list update)
 - i) Chairwoman Mazza discussed the purpose of the tour. It was determined that the tour would take place on Saturday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m. with all parties meeting at the Township Building.

6) New Business

A) Upcoming Events

i) Programs

(1) Ms. Hegedus said that all summer camps, including specialty camps, are up on the new website, with registration beginning on February 1 for residents and March 1 for non-residents. She gave an update on registration numbers and said that that have begun interviews for summer camp staff. She informed the Board that Counselor-in-Training (CIT) applications are available on the website and encouraged board members to spread the word to anyone who might be interested in applying.

ii) Bus trips:

(1) Ms. Hegedus reported that they had good numbers for Aladdin and Finding Neverland as well as for the April Washington D.C. trip. She noted that people seem to like the easy registration of the new website. Ms. Hegedus said that all trip dates had been set with the exception of the Gourmet Food Tour and the Culinary Institute of America tour, which can’t be booked until later in the year.

iii) Other Business

(1) Mr. Lukens reported that the tennis court project will begin in the next few weeks and that the surface will match that of the basketball courts. He also reported that the magnetic lock systems are in for Eskie and Eagleville parks and will be installed near the end of April. Mr. Lukens said that they are currently updating the pricing for the fencing around Gauger field in Eagleville Park.

(2) Chairwoman Mazza asked Ms. Hegadus when the date would be set for the Culinary Institute bus trip. Ms. Hegedus said that would be set at the end of April. She also described how the Gourmet Food Tour in upper New York would work.

B) Comment from Audience

C) Tom Bobst of the Optimist Club distributed brochures. Ms. Tse asked if sign-ups were needed or interested members should just show up. Mr. Bobst said anyone was welcome to just drop by a meeting.

7) Motion to Adjourn

A) Ms. Mandracchia made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wurtz seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2016