

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION  
November 19, 2023, MEETING MINUTES**

**1) Call to Order.**

A) Amy Johnston-Smith 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: Amy Johnston-Smith, Beth Ann Mazza, Erin DiPaolo, Michelle Brown, Ray Lotfi, and Stephanie Padula. Kasey Walker was absent.

B) Also in attendance: Jane Delaney, Director of Parks & Recreation, Karen Hegedus, Recreation Superintendent, Karen Barron, Minutes Secretary and Dr. Janine Darby, Board Liaison.

**4) Presentation:** Jean Akers – Redtail Master Plan Information

**5) Meeting Minutes:**

A) The meeting minutes of October 17, 2023, with the correction of Michelle Brown, who was in attendance that meeting. The minutes were approved and submitted.

B)

**6) Old Business**

A) Thank you to our Student Representatives – Ash Jeyapratap, Kaitlyn Phan, and Thomas MacNeel for participation at our Trunk or Treat event. We all had a great time.

B) Cool Beans Children's Concert was a good addition to our Concert Series.

**7) New Business**

A) Trees were ordered for Sherwood Park and will be installed by Colonial Gardens in Nov. (4 Sycamores and 3 Basswood Trees). They will also replace a dead tree in Eskie Park.

B) The Perkiomen Watershed planted an additional 50 trees at Redtail park on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

C) Pet Photos with Santa – Thursday, November 30, 2023 – 6:00pm-8:00pm. Gary Brown will be volunteering his time and will be Santa for all our pets.

D) Tree Lighting – New Location Friday, December 1, 2023

E) Student Representatives – We will contact you for participation at our Tree Lighting event.

F) Santa Hotline – December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – We are confirmed with Tom Bobst for this program.

**Comments from the Board**

A) Amy Johnston-Smith questioned the amount the township is contributing to the tree planting.

**8) Supervisor Liaison Report**

Dr. Janine Darby let the board know that the Board of Supervisors selected the budget for advertising based on closing our deficit and having some extra funds. Parks and Recreation received what was asked for. From the ARPA funds, \$500,000 was set aside for Community Projects.

**9) Resident Comments**

N/A

**10) Motion to Adjourn.**

C) **MOTION:** Michelle Brown made a motion to adjourn. Erin Di Paolo seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting: December 19, 2023**