

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION
September 20, 2022, MEETING MINUTES**

1) Call to Order.

A) Amy Johnston-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 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, Ray Lotfi, Erin Di Paolo, Michelle Brown, Stephanie Padula and Jean Akers.

B) Also, in attendance: Jane Delaney, Director, Student Rep. Riley McDonald, and Sameeksha Panda. Karen Hegedus, Recreational Superintendent was absent.

4) Meeting Minutes:

A) Review/Approve meeting minutes of July 19, 2022, with the revised update that Jean Akers was not in attendance for the July meeting.

B) **MOTION:** Erin Di Paolo made a motion to approve minutes of July 19, 2022, with the revised update, Beth Ann Mazza seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 9-0.

5) Old Business

A) Concert in the Park –August 21st– Todd O’s River of Dreams Tribute to Billy Joel – it was a beautiful night and well attended, approximately 200 people were in attendance, held at the Amphitheater. Wawa attended to give out pretzel, water, and bananas. Next year, more golf carts and maybe a port-a-potty.

B) 9/11 Memorial Event – Small event, few attended due to the rain. Event will be held every 5 years.

C) Movie in the Park – Clifford the Big Red Dog, September 16th, well attended for a cool evening at the beginning of the school year.

6) New Business

A) Welcome the new Student Representative – Sameeksha Panda, Senior at Methacton High School

B) Discussion and consider reappointed member – Jean Akers term expires 12/20/22. Position will be vacant, after 12/20/22.

(1) Jane Delaney thanked Jean for all that she has done.

(2) Jean Akers does not wish to be reappointed.

(3) Amy Johnston-Smith and Beth Ann Mazza both thanked Jean Akers for all her service.

C) PARK UPDATES:

(1) Water fountains were installed at Eagleville and Eskie Park

(2) Path repairs were completed at Bittersweet Circle, Public Works department did the work.

(3) Currently working on starting phase 2 at Eskie Park to plant trees in October. There will be nine trees at Eskie Park.

(4) Currently working on the MARA foot bridge project. Board of Supervisors have just approved the project.

D) UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

(1) Community Yard Sale – Saturday, September 24th 8:00am – 2:00pm. We had 42 homes signed up for the yard sale. Yard signs were created for each homeowner.

(2) 34th Annual Community Fall October 1st/Rain Date: October 2nd. Karen Hegedus will reach out to members for volunteering at the event.

(1) Brain storming for things for the older teens to do in the Fall.

(3) 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat event – Saturday, October 22/Rain date October Sunday 23rd.

7) Board Comments

- A) Amy Johnston-Smith, Chairperson, loves the idea of the student reps building up a social media content. Ask the student reps to create a social media content calendar.
- B) Beth Ann Mazza asked if we have a plan if the two events fall on the same day. (Fall Fest and LPFD event). Fall Fest will take priority.

8) Supervisor Liaison Report

Cara Coless relayed that the Board of Supervisors approved the MARA bridge project. Budget meetings are scheduled for September 28th and October. Talking about a bucket of money set aside for grant. Comprehensive Plan is wrapping up soon.

9) Motion to Adjourn.

A) **MOTION:** Beth Ann Mazza made a motion to adjourn. Michelle Brown seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2022