

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

1) Call to Order.

A) Amy Johnston-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 Di Paolo, Jean Akers, Michelle Brown, Stephanie Padula and Ray Lotfi. Also, in attendance: Jane Delaney, Director, and Karen Hegedus, Recreational Superintendent and Student Rep. Riley McDonald. Parmesh Sivakumar and Sameeksha Panda were absent.

4) Meeting Minutes:

A) Review/Approve meeting minutes of November 15, 2022.

B) **MOTION:** Erin Di Paolo made a motion to approve minutes of November 15, 2022, Ray Lotfi seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 8-0.

5) Old Business

A) Pet Photo event – Thank you to Gary Brown for volunteering as Santa. We had approximately 26 dogs show up to meet Santa. We also had Metropolitan Vet and Dogtopia there giving away treats and things.

B) Tree Lighting event – Thank you to the Park Board, students, and volunteers for participating in the event. We had a great turn out and it was well attended.

C) Trees were planted in Eskie Park and were installed by Colonial Gardens (4 River Birch & 3 Northern Red Oak) at the end of November.

D) Santa Hotline – Thank you to the Optimist and especially Tom Bobst for once again playing a great Santa. We had 25 families participate.

6) New Business

A) Presentation: Jean Akers

(1) Jean presented information (in a colorful PowerPoint presentation) about tree planting in the Township (follow-up from PROS plan)

B) Upcoming Programs and Events

(1) Caring and Sharing Christmas – Karen Barron heads this program, and we helped 12 families this year. All the families received gifts, gift cards, and food baskets for the Christmas holidays. With the help of our intern Rylie Cox and Jane Delaney and many other volunteers.

(2) Senior Games Volunteers are needed for May 1st – May 5th, just keep in mind.

7) Board Comments

A) Presentation to Jean Akers for her long service to the Lower Providence Township Parks and Recreation Board. The knowledge she has given to us is beyond what we could have asked for from a Board member. The Board presented her with a tree, that will be planted in her honor.

B) Beth Ann Mazza asked about event dates for 2023. Jane Delaney will forward dates as soon as they are confirmed.

8) Supervisor Liaison Report

Cara Coless requested for Jean Aker's presentation to the Township Manager. She is meeting with the art teacher at Methacton, she is interested in community project with the parks.

9) Motion to Adjourn.

A) **MOTION:** Jean Akers made a motion to adjourn. Beth Ann Mazza seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2023