

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

**1) Call to Order**

A) Chairwoman Mazza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call:**

A) The following Parks & Recreation board members were in attendance: Ms. Beth Ann Mazza, Ms. Jean Akers, Ms. Erin DiPaolo Mr. John Nielson, Jr. and Student Representatives Ms. Katherine McGrath Ms. Kendall Ozorowski and Mr. Dylan Pompe.

B) Also in attendance: Karl Lukens, Director of Parks & Recreation; Karen Hegedus Recreation Superintendent; and Patrick Duffy, Board of Supervisor Liaison.

**4) Meeting Minutes:**

A) Review/Approve meeting minutes of October 9, 2018.

- i) **MOTION:** Ms. DiPaolo made a motion to move minutes of October 9, 2018 into the record. Ms. Akers seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 6-0.

**5) Old Business**

A) Redtail Field Update (MUSC) (Must be completed by January 1, 2020)

- i) Mr. Lukens said he emailed John Larcinese, President of Methacton United Soccer Club. Mr. Larcinese said they are meeting this week and he hopes to have an answer shortly.

(1) Ms. Mazza asked what the issues are with the Board. Mr. Lukens said they are disagreeing on what kind of field they want it to be. He said the club has one year to complete the project or they will lose their lease. If the project is completed the current lease would expire January 1, 2025.

(2) Supervisor Duffy asked about the frequency of use of the field. Mr. Lukens said he thinks, at this time, it is only used for practices.

B) Open Space Committee Updated

- i) Ms. Akers said she attended the DCNR workshop, which was required to make sure the Township is eligible to apply for a grant. She gave an update on the review process. She said the Township needs to determine how much money the Township is seeking and that a scope of work needed to be determined in order to get detailed estimates from outside consultants. She said the entire process of acquiring the grant and going through the review process could take up to two years.

(1) In response to Mr. Nielson Ms. Akers said that the DCNR representative has a list of consultants who are experienced in the process and would be able to give the Township a qualified estimate.

**6) New Business**

A) 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Tree Lighting & Winter Wonderland (12/7/18)

- i) Ms. Hegedus said they have confirmed most plans. She noted the event will begin at 6 p.m. this year instead of 6:30pm. She reviewed the entertainment events that will take place during the evening. She said that a new event this year will be a movie projected outside the Santa attraction to entertain those waiting in line to see Santa. Ms. Hegedus reviewed the vendors who will be in attendance and what refreshments and games will be available. She

said they are seeking volunteers and asked Board members to contact her with their availability.

ii) Discussion was held regarding parking.

**B) Upcoming Events**

i) Ms. Hegedus reported that the Radio City Musical Hall trip is sold out. She reviewed the programs that will be held through the holiday season. She said she is currently working on the late winter programming and beginning planning for next summer's programming/camps.

ii) In response to Ms. Mazza, Mr. Lukens said they are planning on continuing the music programming, such as the open mic night, next summer. Ms. Mazza asked for an update on the fitness courses planned and the possibility of outdoor yoga or pilates.

iii) Mr. Lukens said that Gaugler Field will be done once the field dries enough to get a final grading. He gave an update on the improvements made to the field.

**7) Board of Supervisor Liaison Report**

A) Supervisor Duffy said that he, Supervisor MacFarland and Supervisor Sorgini met with the Methacton School Board last week regarding the possibility of taking over the former Audubon School for Township use. He said they are working on identifying a private partner to assist with the cost.

**8) Board Comments**

A) Ms. Mazza said that if the Board and Township residents have used, warm clothing for donation to contact her as she assists several organizations who could benefit from their donation.

**9) Motion to Adjourn**

A) **MOTION:** Ms. Akers made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Neilson seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** December 13, 2018