

**West Manchester Township  
Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
December 15, 2021**

**Members Present:** Jenn Bennet, Dave Werner, Don Gable, Lisa Krout, Tim Young

**Delegates Present:** Charlie Jacobs, Kathie Suter, Jeff Ludwig, Roy Gentzler, Brenda Brown

**School Board Liaison:** None

**Shiloh Lions Club Representative:** None

**Parks & Recreation Staff:** Lori Trimmer, Kristi Swartz

The meeting was called to order by Jenn Bennet at 6:30 after eating pizza at WMT Building for our Christmas gathering.

Ron Stare made a motion to approve the October 20, 2021 minutes and Dave Werner offered a second to the motion.

Unfinished Business were reviewed by Lori and Kristi.

1. Senior Safe Driving – All dates planned have been cancelled by AARP until Spring 2022. They will talk and meet with the instructor at Lincolnway to see if they are eligible based on AARP criteria.
2. Gift Card Bingo – March 27, 2022. Looking for sponsors who are willing to donate restaurant gift cards, etc. Tickets will be \$20 or \$25 at the door if available. They plan to sell less tickets to space out due to Covid.

Reports:

Lori mentioned her reports are in the packet. There were no questions.

No School Board Representative to report any information. In January someone will be appointed.

New Business:

1. Resignation of Dave Werner - a New Member will be needed. Lori asked if Dave may be interested in becoming a Delegate. He was asked to let her know. Lori thanked Dave for his service on the RAC Board.
2. Sunset Lane Baseball Field Repairs – Jeff Ludwig spoke first about this topic. Lori, Jeff and Blake Chronister met about the condition of the field towards the end of September/beginning of October. Fall Ball was playing on the field and Lori stated that abuse and over use were likely the cause of the bad shape the field was in. Jeff reached out to Hummer for a price. They did the drainage issue. Their original quote was \$10,000. This was too high so they came down to a little over \$5000. Lori and Jeff sent a strong message to Blake that the Boys Club needed to step up and pay for the damage. This would not be tolerated anymore. WYASD agreed to help by giving \$3000 each year. WMT probably puts \$2000 in a year, not counting the mowing. WMT's Mike Swartz and WY's man, Bob, will be putting together with Lori and Jeff a maintenance

training/seminar. Lori will not allow outside teams to play on the field during Fall 2022. There were no concerns about The Viking Club/Central League and the care of the field. Lori commented how great it is to work with Cole Bixler and the field looked great during the Colonial Labor Day Tournament.

3. Winter Newsletter – will be out the first week in January.
4. Motion to change the RAC Meeting from 7:00-6:00 PM was made by Don Gable and seconded by Ron Stare.

Old Business:

1. Haunted Halloween Homicide Dinner Theatre – Sat., October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was the first time and it was awesome. Sold 100+ tickets; Mission BBQ catered it. This group has a Christmas Program that they are looking into for next year. Might not do a dinner theatre unless they have a sponsor. Mike Sweet covered this event. May do snacks and BYOB.
2. Bluegrass Festival – Sun, December 5<sup>th</sup> – they never break even and the 3 bands have not raised their prices in 16 years. They have sponsors but they are split between other events. Lori and Kristi are wondering is this event is financially suitable anymore. Maybe we do more comedy/dinner theatre type events.
3. American Legion Fly Ball Issues – Lori is waiting for the engineer to email her a plan. The initial meeting was in July.
4. Capital Improvements Status – all have been completed.
  - Broad Street Park – resurface basketball court (Marcellus Shale Grant) – completed.
  - Loman Park – resurface basketball court (Marcellus Shale Grant) – completed.
  - Dunedine Park – resurface basketball court (Marcellus Shale Grant) – completed.
  - Bennett Williams – resurface parking lot and paint lines – completed.

The next RAC Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:00.

The next BOS Meeting will be on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa A. Krout, Secretary