

**West Manchester Township
Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
February 16, 2022**

Members Present: Jenn Bennet, Don Gable, Lisa Krout, Tim Young, Ron Stare, Jim Kern, Charlie Jacobs, Jim Kern

Delegates Present: Kathie Suter, Jim Kern

School Board Liaison: Courtney Dennis

Shiloh Lions Club Representative: Denise Drais

Parks & Recreation Staff: Lori Trimmer, Kristi Swartz

Guests: Ron Ruman, Township Board Supervisor, Chris Wagman, Darlene Senft, Ann Yost, Board Member with the with the Rail Trail Authority, Gwen from Rail Trail Authority, and a few others in the audience.

The meeting was called to order by Jenn Bennet at 6:00.

Ron Stare was at the December 15, 2021 meeting. His name will be added in the Secretary's report. Tim Young made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 minutes and Ron Stare made offered a second to the motion.

Unfinished Business were reviewed by Lori and Kristi.

A. Approval of RAC Members/Delegates for 2022

1. Don Gable and Charlie Jacobs were approved by the BOS
2. Kathie Suter and Jeff Ludwig were approved by RAC Board
3. New "Three Month" Policy – a new policy was developed to get more people involved with Township Boards, Committees, and Commissions to be more transparent. The RAC Board will still have seven voting members and an assortment of delegates (non-voting members). The Spring/Summer Newsletter will be promoting these opportunities. However, because the RAC has open Delegate positions, we are able to accept interested individuals within a short period of time as the Delegate positions are approved by the RAC Members.

B. Upcoming Activities

- Softball Registration Deadline – 2/11/22 – There will be one micro team, two 10 & under team; one 12 and under, one 14 and under. There are still a few openings.
- Tee Ball Registration – 3/25/22
- St. Patrick's Day Bingo for Seniors – 3/17/22 – 28 + people from White Rose Senior Center.
- Gift Card Bingo – 3/27/22 – 170 tickets, 25 left, \$125 each game in gift cards, there are specials and final game is \$200 in cash.
- Dairy Queen Snow Sculpture Contest – Deadline 4/8/22 – only one so far.
- Food Truck Friday – Friday, 9/23/22 –

Reports:

- A. Recreation Director Report - Lori shared the December 2021 and the January 2022 reports. She mentioned that Stewart Foundation donated money for the fireworks again. They have been doing this since 1998.
- B. School Board Liaison's Report – Courtney Dennis is our new School Board Liaison. The School Board is reviewing the budget and it is likely there will be no tax increase. There are issues with the cyber/charter schools nationally. Schools can't sustain with the monies lost by students going to cyber/charter schools. There are several employment opportunities in the district. The school board is reviewing improvements needed on the athletic fields.

New Business:

- A. York County Rail Trail Update - The York County Rail Trail presented an update on the trail. They acquired 18 miles GMW RR (Hanover to Bair) The Rail Trail Authority will turn it back into a trail. They received a grant for engineering. They are looking into American Rescue Funds to help support the project. A few RAC Board Members expressed concerns about the no growth zone, about who does the repairing of the trail if damaged, and concerns about their research about how people want trails. We have concerns that most people have never heard about the no growth zone. Some members love the trail but others walk in their neighborhoods. Ron Ruman mentioned that he was told by the Rail Trail members that the maintenance cost would be \$2000-\$5000/year. If there is storm damage, the Rail Trail would pay those costs. Ron Ruman wants to know what the RAC Board thinks about this topic. He admitted it may not be permitted use; the trail could be in a no growth boundary zone. Perhaps the zoning law needs updated. It is about 40 years old. He wants to look at ways to get involved in a minimal way to become a part of the trail. A man from the Rail Trail spoke about the Stoverstown Rd. plans will be done by this summer. Jenn told the group that we appreciate the updates but we have heard this before and then Lori spoke and said the RAC Board is only advisory board. She suggested the RAC Board may not be the appropriate committee to speak to about this topic. Perhaps the next presentation from the York County Rail Trail should be before the WMT Board of Supervisors.
- B. RAC Officers for 2022 – Tim Young was nominated to be the Assistant Secretary and he accepted. A motion was made by Don Gable and seconded by Charlie Jacobs to have Jenn Bennett as President, Ron Stare as Vice President, Lisa Krout as Secretary, and Tim Young as Assistant Secretary.
- C. Spring/Summer Newsletter 2022 – It should be in the distributed to our residents in the beginning of April 2022.
- D. Summer Staff and CIT Applications – Applications are coming in for staff but slow for CIT's. Decisions should be made by April.

- E. Shetter Park Tennis Court Repairs Needed – The court was constructed sometime around 1989. Currently, it is the only tennis court WMT maintains. Tennis and pickleball are played on this court. Cracks are appearing on the court from water pushing up through the court, suggesting a drainage problem. This was brought to our attention by Mr. Gerhart who uses the court and lives nearby. Recently, new fencing was put in and it was recently resurfaced. We have reached out for quotes.
- F. Events Sponsors for 2022 – This info was put in the newsletter to secure sponsors for all events needed.
1. May in Motion - \$500
 2. Summer Social Movie – Odd Fellows - \$500
 3. Summer Social DJ – M&T Bank - ????
 4. Olde Tyme Carnival DJ - \$300
 5. Olde Tyme Carnival Inflatables/Activities - \$300
 6. Olde Tyme Carnival Fireworks Donation - \$3670 – The Stewart Foundation
 7. Food Truck Friday Band and Activities - \$1000
 8. Adult Dinner and Entertainment Night - \$2500
- G. Parks & Rec Maintenance Staff – Additional staffing has been approved by the BOS, with six months spent on Parks and six months focusing on PW. (Leaf Collection and Snow Removal)

Old Business:

- A. Capital Improvements Status
1. Sunset Lane Park – replace picnic tables. The Shiloh Lions built the old tables 30 years ago. The new ones will be heavy metal and will be handicapped accessible. The original tables were donated to SpiriTrust and Beacon Lodge by the Shiloh Lions.
 2. Broad Street Park – repave parking lot
 3. Derry Park/Board Walk Path – repave both sides of board walk paths
 4. Dunedin, Derry, Broad and School House – update bucket swings
 5. Sunset Lane, Sunset Baseball and Broad Street Parks – epoxy bathroom floors
- B. American Legion Fly Ball Issues – Lori received a packet from the engineer. She is waiting for an appt to review the plan with the engineer. She is concerned about the cost and the ability to maintain the fencing.

Open Floor Discussion:

- Ron Ruman said that he would be happy to hear from any of us. He hopes to attend a meeting or two per year.
- Darlene Senft came to the meeting as a member of Bair Station. She asked where Bair Station stands in line for a kid playground? Lori responded land would need to be acquired by the Township.

- Courtney Dennis asked a question about the York County Area Agency on Aging (YCAAA) Rent-a Kid Program. Lisa Krout shared information regarding the program. There was concern over the \$5.00 suggested hourly wage. Noting: This is a suggested wage however it is negotiable between the older adult and student. Lisa volunteered to reach out to the YCAAA on adjusting the suggested hourly wage.

The next RAC Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:00.

The next BOS Meeting will be on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned by Ron Stare and Tim Young at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa A. Krout, Secretary