

**West Manchester Township
Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
October 20, 2021**

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

Delegates Present: Charlie Jacobs, Kathie Suter, Jeff Ludwig,

School Board Liaison: None

Shiloh Lions Club Representative: Denise Drais

Parks & Recreation Staff: Lori Trimmer, Kristi Swartz

The meeting was called to order by Jenn Bennet at 5:45 PM at Westgate Park.

Lori and Kristi explained about the Westgate Park and how much the Normandie Ridge residents love it. There has not been any vandalism. Asbury Foundation within Normandie Ridge and they paid for the paths, etc. WMT does own the land and it has been a great partnership. Lori is extremely proud of this park! If donations come into the Township for Westgate Park, Lori is turning them over to the Asbury Foundation. They have the ability to obtain grants to further develop the area.

Denise Drais joined the meeting. Don Gable made a motion to approve Denise Drais as the Shiloh Lions Club Representative. Tim Young offered the second to the motion.

Tim Young made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes and Don Gable offered a second to the motion.

Upcoming activities and events were reviewed by Lori and Kristi.

1. Senior Bingo at Shiloh Fire Co. – Nov 9 –numbers are growing. Lisa Krout will advertise at White Rose Senior Center.
2. Senior Safe Driving – All dates planned have been cancelled by AARP until January 1, 2022.
3. Grubbin' and Grovin Food Truck – Sept. 17, 2021 – good crowd.
4. Happy Trails Nature Park – October 1, 2021 – turn out was okay. Lori and Kristi have suggestions on making it better next year such as change from Friday to a Wednesday, watch if there is a football game or First Friday, the time currently was 3:00-7:00. Perhaps that needs to be changed. The 2 bands were great but the chairs were too close to the band and each other for Covid precautions.

Reports:

Lori mentioned that the Odd Fellows will be hosting a showing of Hex Hollow on 11/6 at 2:00 & 5:00. The cost for tickets is \$6.00.

No School Board Representative to report any information.

New Business:

1. Haunted Halloween Homicide Dinner Theatre – Sat., 10/23, sold out, BYOB.
2. Hex Hollow Documentary – 11/6 – Odd Fellows
3. Trick or Treat in WMT – 10/31/21 (6:00-8:00). Fire Department coming to Loman Park again.
4. Pancakes with Santa – 12/11/21 (10-11 Santa will be present).
5. Bluegrass Festival – 12/5/21 (11-3:00); 3 bands; \$5.00.
6. Christmas Bingo – 12/16/21 (1:00-3:00); \$5.00.
7. Budget 2022 – Lori and Kristi are asking for more money for the Park Staff. The net increase is \$9,080.31 from 2021 to 2022. There is a need to be competitive with other places. Lori expressed gratitude for Kristi as a great leader and cultivating the CIT program staff. She sets a high bar! There was a motion to approve the proposed budget by Dave Werner and seconded by Tim Young.
8. December Meeting – Kristi will check if the Outback is available for 6:00 PM. Spouses are invited.

Old Business:

1. American Legion Fly Ball Issues – Lori is waiting for the engineer to email her a plan. Discussion was putting netting up. It would need replaced every 5-7 years and taken down every time it would rain, snow or was windy.
2. 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.

Discussion about changing the regular meeting time to 6:00 from 7:00 PM Kristi will ask the question when she reaches out to all of us about the December Dinner location and head count.

The next RAC Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6:00.
The next BOS Meeting will be on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 7:00.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa A. Krout, Secretary