

**West Manchester Township
Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

Members Present: Jenn Bennett, Tom Wolfgang, Ron Stare, Dylan Smith, Lisa Krout, Tim Young
Delegates Present: Jeff Ludwig, Zach Kern, Paul Mancia, Charlie Jacobs
School Board Liaison: Jeanne Herman
Lions Representative: None
Parks & Rec Staff: Kelsey Paul, Connor Gerrick

The meeting was called to order by Jenn at 6:00 at the West Manchester Township Building.
Tom Wolfgang made a motion to approve June 18, 2025, minutes. Charlie offered a second to the motion.

Unfinished Business:

Reports:

- A. School Board Liaison's Report - Jeanne Herman gave us a handout with dates of upcoming WY dates of board meetings, early dismissals, Music Department news, Sporting Event information, the Bulldog Pantry, the Stadium Project and the Boys Baseball Field. The school district has concerns about the 2026 season. Jeanne asked for input about the WMT Softball Field. Could they use WMT's field? What dates are available, etc? Everyone agreed that we were open to look into a partnership.

New Business:

- A. Kelsey listed the summer activities and the stats, and activities that occurred. She gave a shout out to Jenn Bennett for her help with the Olde Tyme Carnival.
- B. Upcoming Fall Programs are:
- Oxymorons Deadly Wedding – 11/8
 - Truck Touch – 10/4
 - Story, Songs, and More (NEW) – Ages 1-5, held at different parks each time.
 - SNAG (Starting New at Golf) Ages 5-12 (NEW)
 - Community Wellness Walk & Talk (NEW) All ages. Tom Wolfgang is helping and Docs. Lisa Krout may have a a a contact and will let Kelsey know.
 - Intro to Pickleball (NEW) Ages 18+
 - Gentle Yoga (NEW) Partnership with Your Yoga
 - Stained Glass Workshop (NEW) Ages 18+
 - Senior Bingo
 - Senior Strength (NEW) Partnership with Neff Physical Therapy – free
 - AARP Senior Driving Course
 - Senior Holiday Bingo
- C. WMT Parks and Recreation Staff are working on the 2026 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. National Fitness Campaign – (Capital Project idea 2026-2027). Staff are in need of contacts for large sponsors for potential funding prior to BOS approving the capital project.
- B. Playground ended on 7/25/25 (293 registrants)
- C. Horseshoe Pits at Sunset Lane Park. Looking at ways to revitalize that area. Dale Hamm is one of the last members. Thinking about Cornhole, Bocce Ball, Fitness Program, lights. Put in budget.
- D. Sunset Lane Park – fenced in area that is a safety concern – on going

Open Floor Discussion:

- A. Kim Smith shared her concern about being at the park with her granddaughter during Summer Playground hours. She was asked by staff to leave. Kelsey and Connor will add something in

the brochure for next year to be more transparent about park usage. There is an unwritten rule that if you are not registered for the playground, then you can't attend during those hours. The parks are reserved for playground attendees. It is a safety concern too.

- B. Next RAC Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 6:00.
- C. Next BOS Meeting – Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM was made by Tom and seconded by Tim.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Krout, Secretary