

**West Manchester Township
Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
February 15, 2023**

Members Present: Jenn Bennet, Don Gable, Lisa Krout, Tom Wolfgang, Tim Young

Delegates Present:

School Board Liaison: Courtney Dennis

Shiloh Lions Club Representative: Denise Drais

Parks & Recreation Staff: Lori Trimmer, Kristi Swartz

Guests: Jim Kern, Zach Kern, Jennifer Smith-Funn

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

Lori asked the guests to introduce themselves. Jim Kern, a former RAC Board member, brought his son, Zach Kern. Zach is interested in giving back to the community. He grew up in West Manchester Township, has 2 daughters, one who will be starting Tee Ball this year. He plans to coach her. Jennifer Smith-Funn recently moved into the Township from Baltimore, MD, where she lived for 40 years. She desires to serve the community. Lori explained their next steps to becoming a Delegate if they wish to move forward.

Tim Young made a motion to approve the December 21, 2022 minutes and Don Gable offered a second to the motion.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Approval of RAC Members/Delegates for 2023
 1. Tim Young and Tom Wolfgang were approved by BOS through 2027.
 2. A motion was made to approve Laura Mummert, Roy Gentzler, Denise Drais (Shiloh Lions Rep) as delegates by Don Gable and seconded by Tim Young.

- B. Upcoming Activities:
 1. Softball Registration Deadline – Feb. 10th – have 1 micro, 2-10's, 2- 12's. Uncertain about 14 yr. old team.
 2. Tee Ball Registration Deadline – March 24th – receiving registrations now.
 3. St. Patrick's Day Bingo for Seniors – Thursday, March 16th (1:00-3:00); \$5.00
 4. Gift Card Bingo – March 26th – About half of the tickets are sold – Many sponsors; game pay out \$150 in gift cards for games 1-19, 4 specials – each \$200 cash and game 20 - \$250.00 cash.
 5. Dairy Queen Snow Sculpture Contest – deadline in April

Reports:

- A. Recreation Director Report - Lori shared the January 2023 report.
- B. School Board Liaison's Report – Courtney Dennis reported that Ron Miller will be returning as the Football Coach. There were 18 candidates, 3 received an additional interview. Proposed 25 million for new turf on football field and handicapped

accessibility in stadium is moving forward. She is the only school board member who is opposed to it. The taxes likely will remain the same this year but probably will go up next year. One RAC Board Member asked the life span of the turf on a field and she reported 10-15 years. A loan will be taken out. Jennifer Smith-Funn asked if corporate sponsors are being looked at. Courtney said she believes so.

- C. Committee on Parks, Building and Grounds – nothing to report.
- D. Committee on Programs – nothing to present.

New Business:

- A. RAC Officers for 2023 – A motion was made by Tim Young to have Jennifer Bennett as the RAC Board Chair, Ron Stare as the Assistant Chair, Lisa Krout as the Secretary, and Tim Young as the Assistant Secretary. Don Gable offered a second to the motion.
- B. MyWMT – this is a Text Messaging Chat Solution Platform – info will be coming to all of us in the mail. You would sign up for it and receive texts of things going on in the community. It has been well received by other Townships.
- C. Spring/Summer Newsletter Edition – Work in progress – Received \$900 Sponsorship from the Popcorn Loft
- D. Summer Staff and CIT Applications – Accepting applications from Jan. 3rd thru March 3rd – The decisions will be made mid-April Kristi reported. Also, she has many returning staff.
- E. LCCCA – Stormwater Project – This is at the end of Thornbridge Rd. It is a dog/trails/bow and arrow hunting area. It floods easily. The York Co. Stormwater Consortium is working on project with WMT and Dover Twp. There will be a bridge to Tri Town and a bridge to the Pump Station. Hunting will more than likely be prohibited. Minimal number of hunters will be affected.
- F. Event Sponsors for 2023
 - 1. Summer Social Movie - \$500
 - 2. Summer Social DJ - \$300
 - 3. Olde Tyme Carnival DJ - \$300
 - 4. Olde Tyme Carnival Inflatables/Activities - \$1000
 - 5. Olde Tyme Carnival Fireworks Donation - \$3000 (Stewart Foundation)
 - 6. Food Truck Friday Band and Activities - \$1000
 - 7. Adult Dinner & Entertainment Night - \$2500 (UPMC)
 - 8. Tee Ball - \$1000 (Odd Fellows)
 - Shiloh Lions plan to sponsor an event.
 - If you know someone to sponsor any of these, let Lori and Kristi know.

Old Business:

- A. Capital Improvements Status/Major Projects Approved
 - 1. Sunset Lane Park – Security Cameras & Lights – Lights go off at 10:00 PM on the resident side, dawn on park side. Dover Twp. has an IT who is working with WMT on the cameras at Sunset Lane. Dover has had success with vandalism decreasing since the installation of the cameras.

2. Dunedin Park – Digital Marquee Sign, Bridge & Pickleball Courts. Electric will have to be run from an electric pole to the new marquee sign. Lori and Kristi are also getting pricing on running electric to the pavilion for future use with lights and cameras. Bridge repairs are complete. The bridge must be stained yet once the weather permits. Lori and Kristi spoke to a Spring Grove Engineer about the Pickleball Courts. Budgeted \$125,000. Will see if this is enough money.
3. Broad Street Park and other various parks – replace/install 10 picnic tables
4. Broad, Derry, Schoolhouse Parks – replace swing sets and get playground mulch.

Open Floor Discussion:

The next RAC Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00.

The next BOS Meeting will be on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa A. Krout, Secretary