

**West Manchester Township
Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

Members Present: Jenn Bennet, Lisa Krout, Tim Young, Ron Stare, Tom Wolfgang, Charlie Jacobs

Delegates Present: Roy Gentzler, Zach Kern

School Board Liaison: Jeanne Herman

Shiloh Lions Club Representative: Denise Drais

Parks & Recreation Staff: Lori Trimmer, Kristi Swartz

Guests: Paul Mancia

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

Lori introduced Paul Mancia as a possible Delegate. Kathie Suter's position is open.

Lori asked if a Delegate wanted to move to a Member position to fill Don Gable's position. We will discuss this in June.

Ron Stare made a motion to approve the February 21, 2024 minutes. Tom Wolfgang offered a second to the motion.

Unfinished Business:

A. Upcoming Activities, Events, Programs and Registrations:

1. Softball Teams – (1-Micro, 2 -10, 1-12U and 1-14U) – It was tough to get volunteers.
2. Tee Ball (April 30-May23, Tues. and Thurs. from 6-7:30) – 4 teams
3. Senior Bingo – May 14, June 11, July 9
4. Summer Playground and Tot Program – June 17-July 26 – Kristi has most of the Summer staff and CIT's hired.
5. Adult Comedy Show – Nov. 9 – Speak East – Oxymorons – Murder Mystery

Reports:

- A. Recreation Director Report - Lori shared the February and March 2024 reports.
- B. School Board Liaison's Report – Jeanne Herman distributed handouts and discussed the below topics: The board approved a 3.5% tax increase. The Communication and Engagement Committee discussed how to get the community aware of what is going on. Ideas discussed were putting info in the WMT Newsletter 3 times a year, an App, any suggestions would be appreciated. A \$4 million Mechanical project will occur this summer (Heat/cooling). Jeanne reviewed the upcoming musical, concerts, art show, multicultural events, the academic awards, and graduation the district is doing. She discussed the stadium project concerns with the lights, water drainage, and size of the project. We had a discussion about sponsor banners. Is the revenue enough to balance out the cost and labor involved. It was suggested to see what other school districts do.

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

New Business:

- A. Dairy Queen Snow Sculpture Contest – we voted on a few photos. #2 Stacy Eisenhart and #7 Jason Nolan and Samantha Stover won.
- B. Spring/Summer Newsletter Edition was delivered
- C. Summer Staff and CIT's – most are filled. CIT's are 13 year olds and up.

Old Business:

- A. Don Gable Bench and Sign – This is a work in progress. The sign is “Don Gable Way” at Sunset Lane Park. It was suggested to have the next meeting there and that his family is invited
- B. Capital Improvements Status/Major Projects Approved
 - 1. Bennett Williams – New Pavilion Roof – (Completed)
 - 2. Replace Park Rule Signs at all Parks (in progress)
 - 3. Sunset Lane – Replace T-111 siding on pavilion (Shiloh Lions).
 - 4. Sunset Lane – Update two restrooms – new toilets, sink, counter tops, vents, urinal, electric heater unites – (in progress)
 - 5. Broad Street – Upgrade Backstop and Fencing (Completed)
 - 6. Derry – Repair Bridge on Boardwalk – waiting for better weather. Did replace boardwalk. (in progress)
 - 7. Remove various Dead Trees in Parks (Completed)

Open Floor Discussion:

Denise Drais gave info about Hoops for Sight with the Shiloh Lions.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 and Tim Young offered a second to the motion.

The next RAC Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm. (Maybe at Sunset Lane Park with Don's family in attendance.)

The next BOS Meeting will be on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa A. Krout, Secretary