

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
March 3, 2022**

<b>Members present</b>	Steve Bryer, Chairman Jim Hembree, Vice Chairman Mary Anderson, Secretary John Bishop Marty Wade
<b>Others present:</b>	Dr. Kim Rose, Supervisor Liaison Nancy Opalka, Director of Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Bryer announced that the public will have the opportunity to comment during Citizen's Concerns at the start and at the end of the meeting.

Roll call was taken.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously with Mr. Wade abstaining.

**Citizen's Concerns** - There were no Citizen's Concerns.

**Unfinished Business**

**Playground Improvement Project** – Nancy reported that work on the playground has started. The Community Build is scheduled for Saturday April 30 and Sunday May 1 if needed. Skilled volunteers are currently being recruited. If interested in volunteering please contact Nancy. No one under 18,

**Facility Use – Use of Outdoor Basketball Fee** - Implementing a fee for the permitted use of the outdoor basketball courts was discussed. After much discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve a fee of \$15 up to a 4 hour use per court that will be implemented for the 2022 summer season with an increase to \$30 up to a 4 hour use per court beginning in 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**Renaming of Recreation Complex Fields** – Nancy presented a drawing of the park with recommendations of new names for the fields at the Recreation Complex. All baseball fields will be identified as Diamond 1, 2,3 etc., the Football fields will be identified as Football 1 & 2 and soccer field numbering will remain the same eliminating Soccer #1 as it is now Football #2. The old softball/baseball field which is now a multi-purpose

field will be identified as Multi-purposes/Diamond 6. A finalized sketch will be distributed. All agreed and the discussion was closed.

**Civic Center Parking Lot Assignments** – The same drawing of the park that Nancy distributed outlined parking lot assignments. After much discussion all lots were identified as a color and assigned a field, court and/or facility. User groups are asked to communicate the assignments with their coaches and parents. Parks and Recreation will work on signage. Concern regarding entering and exiting the park was discussed. It was asked whether or not Tennis Road could serve as the entrance to Civic Center 2 and make the “Western” Drive as an Exit Only. Nancy will consult with the Police and if possible the Traffic Engineer.

### **Report of Field Users**

Council Rock Basketball – there was no representative present.

Council Rock Holland Baseball – represented by Vince Barilli. Current registration is over 230 players. Major tryouts are scheduled for the upcoming weekend along with hopes of addressing some maintenance issues. Graffiti has continued at the complex. Request to have the water turned on. Nancy advised that typically the water is not turned on until later in March but she will forward the request to Public Works. Clean up day is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> and opening day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Council Rock Northampton Baseball – represented by Jim Gallagher. They expect about 350 players as the current registration is close to 300. The older age group register later. Opening day is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Field work has begun and the batting cage behind Diamond 4 (old 270) is being redesigned.

Council Rock United Soccer – represented by Lew Spiewak. Try outs begin early April. They are keeping the fields closed until the weather breaks.

Northampton Girls Softball – represented by Tom Seltzer. Registration has begun with approximately 250 players. There will be 3 travel teams; a 10 U, 12 U and 14 U. Field work will begin within the next few weeks. Also, they will not be able to operate the concession as they have limited volunteers.

Northampton Indians Football – represented by Steve Szydlik. First games will be March 20<sup>th</sup> so they are able to get a full season in before school ends.

### **Report of Parks and Recreation Director**

Mrs. Opalka reported the following:

- Fence repairs at Hampton Estates and Big Meadow have been scheduled  
(note: work began on March 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Civic Center Shack and Municipal Park Pavilion restrooms are being painted
- Municipal Park Hockey Rink is still closed as we are still waiting on quotes.
- The Parks and Recreation Brochure is at the printers and will be in the mail within the week.

- Camp Adventure, our full day camp, has reached its maximum. Limited openings are available in Camp Expedition and Camp Explore. Quest registration has been slow so the maximum has been reduced to the number a bus can hold.  
*(note: all camps have reached the maximum and waiting lists are being taken)*
- Activities for the Township's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are being solidified. All Township Departments are involved. Nancy provided a recap of the calendar of events.

**Report of Supervisor Liaison** - Dr. Rose had nothing to report.

**Citizens' Concerns** - There were no Citizens Concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Anderson*

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Next Meeting – TBD