

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Monday, May 1, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. Minutes
Washington Township Senior Center

Members Present: Ed Murray, Mary McArdle, Darlene Hatcher, Walt Cullen, Tim Roth,
William Roehrich

Members Absent: Sue Coscia

Others Present: Ken Budd of DPW and Members of the various groups making
presentations at the meeting

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the March 6th, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary McArdle to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill Roehrich and unanimously approved by the committee members present.
2. Fred and Ginger Cutler made a presentation aimed at generating interest in starting an informal group interested in playing Pickleball. They would like to use the tennis courts at Rock Spring Park and they intend to start using various social media sites to make contact with others in Long Valley who may want to join them. Darlene mentioned that there already is a group using the courts for Pickleball that Fred and Ginger may want to coordinate with and she will provide them with contact information. As long as there is no interference with other groups using the courts for tennis, the Committee has no objection to Fred and Ginger using the courts.
3. Members of Girl Scout Troop #94091 made a presentation concerning planting either a cherry or dogwood tree in Rock Spring Park in connection with their Silver Award project. The tree will be a beautiful addition to the park and also provide an environmental benefit. After discussion a motion to endorse the project, subject to approval of the Township Committee, was made by Mary McArdle, seconded by Tim Roth and unanimously approved by the committee members present.
4. The Basketball Team of Long Valley came to the Committee seeking guidance on getting lights installed on the courts at Rock Spring Park. After some discussion, Walt Cullen advised the team to collaborate with the Long Valley Recreation Basketball Club

since they may also have an interest in setting up lights at the courts. Walt also advised that a plan specifying the work to be done, the costs involved, how the operation of the lights would be controlled and the means of raising the necessary funds needs to be developed before seeking approvals from the Recreation Department and the Township Committee. Members of the Recreation Committee expressed encouragement for the Team to continue pursuing this project.

5. The Green Team made a comprehensive presentation for the installation of a Native Pollinator Meadow at Harrington Park. The project is well thought out and will be a very positive addition to the park and will also provide environmental educational opportunities for the community. After discussion a motion to endorse the project, subject to approval of the Township Committee, was made by Ed Murray, seconded by Mary McArdle and unanimously approved by the committee members present.
6. The Long Valley Baseball Club proposed the installation of an equipment storage shed at Rock Spring Park and dugout covers and pitching warm up areas in both Palmer and Rock Spring Parks. After some discussion concerning their plans a motion to endorse the project, subject to approval of the Township Committee, was made by Tim Roth, seconded by Mary McArdle and unanimously approved by the committee members present.
7. Darlene introduced Ken Budd of the DPW for Washington Township to the Committee. Ken has an extensive background in public works activities and the Committee welcomes him and looks forward to working with him.
8. Adjournment 8:05 p.m., Motion made by Mary McArdle, seconded by Bill Roehrich and unanimously approved by the committee members present.