

**MORRIS TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING February 11, 2021**

Bill opened the meeting on Zoom at 7:07 pm.

**Members Present:** Bill Foelsch, Director, Alexis Voli, Recreation Supervisor, Tim Hamfeldt, Assistant Parks Superintendent, Peter Mancuso, Committeeman, Charlene Anderson, Casey Becht, Tom Buchner, Barbara Byrnes, David Hudak, Richard Mauer, Sam Pagano, Nicole Pittaluga, Pam Sheldrick, Steve Tractenberg, Tanya Van Order, Pamela Watson.

Bill reviewed the roster and introduced the new committee members. The minutes of the prior meeting held on 10/7/2020 were approved.

**Fall/Winter Program Report:** Alexis reviewed the Fall and Winter recreation activities held under Covid 19 guidelines. No indoor programs could be scheduled. In the Fall there were tennis, Zumba, Yoga, and Line Dancing outdoor classes and Zumba and Yoga virtual classes. The Trunk or Treat was cancelled but the outdoor Halloween movie and bonfire were well attended. There were 38 residential houses and fire houses entered in the Holiday Lights Contest. Virtual Yoga and some new virtual classes for youth were offered. A Family Scavenger Hunt is planned for registration by residents when the weather permits.

**Parks Maintenance Report:** Tim reported that turf blankets have been placed on some fields to boost grass growth in the Spring and infield conditioner applied. Ash trees have continued to be removed and some new spruce trees planted. At Cornine Field solar pathway lighting and ADA compliant bleachers were installed. A new bridge was built at Jones Pond.

**Volunteer & Eagle Scout Projects:** The ValleVue Trail phase 1 connects the Community Garden to Reed Road and phase 2 will connect make a full loop back to the Community Garden. Eventually the trails will connect to Lewis Morris Park. Scouts have completed the beautification of the entrances at Butterworth and Lake Road.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Dedication of the Captain Brian McNally Field is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2021.
- ValleVue phase 2 closing of the 7+ acre acquisition is scheduled for February 18, 2021.
- Honeywell carriage house will be renovated to be used as recreation satellite office, parking area added, and multipurpose grass field installed.
- Pickleball/tennis new courts may be ready for play by May. Pickleball court rules are being established.
- Tree seedling give away, organized by Steve Tractenberg, may be scheduled for May 1 and volunteers are needed for this popular event.
- Baker Evans Farm Park is being used for sledding. A playground with a farm theme will be built. Bill asked for volunteers to form a subcommittee to review playground equipment choices from 3 vendors.
- Summer programs and swim pool planning will be planned when the state provides updated Covid-19 guidelines.
- Primary Parks & Recreation 2021 Capital Projects submitted to Township Council include resurfacing 2 Ginty tennis courts and Collinsville basketball courts.

The next meeting is scheduled to be a park tour at 6:00 pm on May 6, 2021. Future meetings are scheduled at 7:00 pm on September 30 and December 9. This meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Byrnes