Washington Township

Northampton County - Recreation Committee

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MEETING MINUTES APRIL 22, 2025

Call to Order: Steve Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Steve Sanders, Terry Paicer, Al Miller, Gwen Miller Tyler MacDonald, Melanie Gold

BOS Liaison Excused: Justin Huratiak Members Excused: Nelson Hill

Approval of Agenda: Terry made a motion, seconded by Gwen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from March 25, 2025: Gwen made a motion, seconded by Al, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2025: Tyler made a motion, seconded by Al, to approve the report. Motion carried, with one question about the payment to Superior Hardware in the amount of \$12.62. The expenses seem unfamiliar.

Public Comment: None

Communications: None

Board of Supervisors Report: None

Committee Reports:

Pavillion Rentals: 2 in April, 1 in May; 1 in June

Field Rentals: No activity—waiting on baseball schedule

Old Business:

Dog Park

- Terry made a motion, seconded by Tyler, to pay the down payment of \$14,611.66 to Anchor Fence.

 Motion carried. Steve advised the committee that it would take 30-45 days for completion of the dog park.
- Melanie submitted an edited version of the dog park rules. (See attached.) For the park's purposes, small
 dogs are those that are 30 pounds or less, and large dogs are those over 30 pounds. After making this
 amendment to the rules, Tyler made a motion, seconded by Al, to accept the dog park rules. Motion
 carried.

Footbridge

• The prospective Eagle Scout, who might be constructing a footbridge for the rec fields, did not appear.

Disc Golf Expansion

• The disc golf attendees did not appear to walk us through the proposed expansion sites.

New Business:

Rec Field Facilities

- Gwen questioned whether there were any plans to expand the parking lot. During popular events like ball games and the Easter egg hunt, parking can be at a premium, forcing people to park in the grass. Currently, there are no plans to expand the parking lot.
- In addition, some youngsters are riding their electric-powered scooters, e-bikes, and dirt bikes on the grass. Especially in spring, this can lead to damage of the rec fields. Such vehicles should be parked in the lot, as the fields are for walking. The committee would like the BOS to encourage the police to patrol this area.

Little Free Library

• Gwen suggested adding a Little Free Library somewhere on the Rec field grounds. Location to be determined. The idea was met with approval.

Adjournment: Terry made a motion, seconded by Tyler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Gold

Melanie Gold, Recreation Recording Secretary

Welcome to Your Dog Park

Park Rules

- 1. Dogs must be at least 4 months of age, vaccinated, and licensed to enter the park.
- 2. Do not enter if your dog is in heat, aggressive, or sick.
- 3. The dog park is divided into 2 sections: one for small dogs (30 pounds or less), and one for large dogs (over 30 pounds). Use the appropriate section of the park for your size dog.
- 4. Owners must be in the park and always supervising their pets.
- 5. Keep all gates closed to prevent escape attempts.
- 6. Outside of the dog park, all dogs must be leashed.
- 7. Use the dog park at your own risk. Owners are solely liable for their pets' actions.
- 8. No smoking, food, or glass containers are allowed in the dog park.
- 9. Owners must pick up and dispose of their pets' waste.
- 10. Please report any problems to the Washington Township administrative office.

Funding for this park in partnership with a grant from:

[Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP), PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development]