

**Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board**  
**Minutes from April 12, 2021**

**Present:** Debbie Marchesani, Helene Ratner, Dori Bower, William Fuller, Missy Kitzmiller, Dan Giacomelli, Patrick Graham, Joanne Morelli, and Paul Kopera  
**Absent:** Kristine Belser  
**Guests:** Bill Thomas (MAA), Courtney Christian (Maple Point res)

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Debbie Marchesani.

**Public Comment:** 1) Courtney Christian came to the meeting to talk about the new pedestrian crosswalk sign on Langhorne Yardley Road. Why did the new development on Walnut Way get the signage to safely get to the Community Park? Paul explained that the Twp is looking at building 500 linear feet of sidewalk to connect MP sidewalk to Walnut Way sidewalk. 2) Bill Thomas said there are no new issues with MAA. Regarding the walkway to Fields 6&7, bids are open and the BOS need to approve it. The Twp is paying \$1.4 million to repave roads and other work, the Twin Oaks small lot and pathway are part of this project bid. Discussed the clubhouse situation - lighting on building. Right now, there are about 400 signed up with MAA.

Dan made a motion to approve last month's minutes and Debbie seconded the motion; the motion was approved by all 6-0.

**Program Update:** Joanne talked about how there are currently 204 children enrolled for summer camp, Styers Orchards will be a trip during the second four weeks of the session; maybe bowling, movies. Looking at having therapy dogs coming for the middle school group. This summer planning includes Paulie's ice cream truck., the fire department, Judy Tudy, magic show, Action Karate, self defense course, Pony Party people, tie dye pillow course, field day in Core Creek, remote control toxic meltdown. Ordering supplies for 200. Courses have included cartooning, spring break skateboarding, golf, online yoga and Zumba. Tai Chi, Zumba, and many other outdoor events are being planned.

**Upcoming events:** Kickball starts on 4/16 at Firefighters Park with six adult teams (usually 8-10 register); The shredding event will be taking place on 4/17 at Oxford Valley mall near JC Penney's. Tree planting will be held on 4/23 at Upper Orchard near new playground. Earth Day event will be at 5 different parks on 4/24 from 9 am until 11 am and so far, 15 to 16 volunteers have signed up. On 4/28, 200 vaccines will be done at the Senior Center (5/19 is second dose). The virtual NFL Draft contest will be held on 4/28. Having the Senior games this year with the bocce ball games being held on June 18. The youth summer rec basketball league will begin July 12 at Firefighters' Park with 10 to 11 kids per team and so far, there are 100 kids signed up.

**Grant Updates:** Applied for 3/4 mile for trails from Lions Park in Snowballs to Frosty Hollow Road by Upper Orchard Drive (awaiting). AARP grant for watering the community garden (awaiting).

**Park Update:** Community Park - the Skatepark will be getting its annual maintenance from 5<sup>th</sup> Pocket May 10,11. Firefighters' Park asphalt project is completed, DPW almost finished RR ties. The Community Park 90 foot and BCTHS - Local 167 Carpenters and Tech school repainted and doors repaired. The pedestrian crossing at Langhorne Yardley Road is completed; sidewalk connecting Walnut Way to Laurel Oaks to be completed this summer. Forsythia Crossing Park rink flooring needs to be repaired, as well as some fencing & boards replaced.

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is cancelled for this year; if you can't do it like previous year's, do not do it at all was the sense of the Parade Cmte. Paul agreed.

John's Hopkins - COVID cases up but not deaths.

**Other business:** Veterans Memorial Park - Vietnam sculpture will be unveiled with a presentation on Sunday, 9/26, 11:30-1:00 PM. Phase 2 of the new neighborhood signs will begin 2021/22. Styers lease up March 31. Graffiti artists on Woodbourne Road - get pictures if you see them doing anything.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm with a motion by Helene Ratner and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller. Next meeting is Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm via zoom. We will be using the same link for our meetings for April, May, and June. Plan to go in-person after summer break.