

**Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board**  
**Minutes from May 10, 2021**

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

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

**Public Comment:** Courtney Christian talked about the homemade signs that were around the Community Park for people to slow down and also asked about adding a lit-up sign at Maple Point Drive at the cross walk, perhaps a solar blinking sign since more people are still crossing at Maple Point. Laurell Parris from Hulmeville came to the meeting to talk about pickleball as she just played for the first time and wants more courts. Right now, it is played on Mondays and Wednesdays at Firefighters Park and would like to look into more opportunities.

The motion to approve April's meeting minutes is being postponed to the next meeting.

Sitting area at Tareyton Park - the benches are falling apart, the grass area & landscaping is in bad shape and P&R looked at several different options - curved concrete sidewalk with benches on it, definitely make it better in appearance. P&R Board assigned staff to make that corner more appealing following Boy Scout Eagle project in 2018.

Park and Rec board approved motion 6-0 that on Sat & Sun of Memorial Day weekend, the court lights can be on until 10:00 pm, specifically at Firefighters' and Simmons Park (basketball and tennis) to allow the community a little weekend fun as the pandemic restrictions ease.

**Program Updates:** Shredding event had 331 cars attending and great venue at OVM (High is 355 cars); tree planting on 4/22 in Upper Orchard planted 10 trees; Earth Day was a success at all 5 venues and presentation for winner will be done at the BOS meeting on 6/14. Senior bocce ball games will be on June 18<sup>th</sup>. National Night Out is still being planned for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The parade committee decided to postpone the 2021 parade and will start planning for 2022 after Labor Day. September 26<sup>th</sup> the Vietnam sculpture will be unveiled at a ceremony from 11:30 - 1:00PM. Parkland Day is scheduled for 10/2 with a raindate for 10/3 at Firefighters' Park (similar to 2019).

The youth summer rec basketball league will begin July at Firefighters Park with 10 to 11 kids per team and so far, there are 100 kids signed up to date (normal is 250). Joanne talked about how there are currently 213 children enrolled for summer camp. The Barn is full with their registration with 86 children signed up.

Skatepark will have their annual maintenance and will be closed for two days May 10,11; Barn roof bid - 7 bids were submitted; all are rejected for RCO. Second Bids are due by 5/26. Twin Oaks lights and parking lot - BOS approved at April 19 BOS, P&R doing contracts with Armour & Musco.

Due to the conflict with the BOS meeting, our next meeting will be held on 6/7 at 6:00 pm and we will be using the same link for that meeting. Our next meeting after the June meeting will not take place until September 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm with a motion by Missy Kitzmiller and seconded by Debbie Marchesani.