

**Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board  
Minutes from November 8, 2021 (Virtual 6:00 start)**

**Present:** Debbie Marchesani, Dori Bower, Bill Fuller, Dan Giacomelli, Missy Kitzmiller, Joanne Morelli, Patrick Graham, and Paul Kopera  
**Absent:** Kris Belser, Helene Ratner.  
**Guests:** 3 Members of the Public (LAA, MAA, and pickleball enthusiast Laurell Parris).

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair, Debbie Marchesani.

**Public Comment:** Public comment started at 6:03 PM and ended at 6:17 PM. The 14 minutes of public comment consisted of four issues:

- 1) MAA (Bill Thomas) said that the newly paved path from the small parking lot to Fields 6 & 7 is holding more water than before being paved. MT DPW is aware that the berm and swale running parallel to Trenton Road needs to be regarded with a proper slope to the culvert at Trenton/Twin Oaks.
- 2) LAA (Sandy Lelionis) said there is a small deep hole in the grassy area by the clothing bins. (Patrick Graham checked it out on Wednesday and created a work order for DPW.) A second conversation started about the vandalism at the Upper Concession stand bathrooms starting Saturday, October 30. Hinges were broken off the men's and women's room stall doors. Then the urinal was busted up by a rebar pipe or something similar. P&R locked the bathrooms and ordered four portable toilets for a four-week period. DPW will winterize the bathrooms around Thanksgiving timeframe.
- 3) Laurell Parris spoke to thank Patrick Graham for his attention to the pickleball enthusiasts in the township. Laurell and Patrick met recently to discuss the Township plans for additional pickleball courts.
- 4) Deb Marchesani spoke as a homeowner that there are hunters scoping out the wooded area between Village Road and the back of Community Park. Two hunters, Bill Thomas and Bill Fuller, mentioned that PA Law allows a purple colored tree to act as a no hunting sign. This has a benefit of a broader view than a No Hunting sign. Paul Kopera will discuss with DPW, in lieu of signs.

**The Minutes** from the October meeting were addressed and a motion was made by Deb Marchesani and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller to approve the minutes; approved 4-0, Dori Bower abstained since she missed the October meeting.

**Park and Rec update:** Patrick Graham updated Board: P&R Dept (PRD) in person programs are running well; not back to the 2019 registration levels but still getting solid registration numbers. Both instructors and registrants have no issue. PRD is currently working on publishing and mailing the printed guides again in 2022.

**Upcoming Events & News:** Paul Kopera updated the Board on three upcoming events: the 11/13 Community Garden Cleanup at the Senior Center; the 11/20 Trash Pickup along Bristol Oxford Valley Road; the 11/20 Tree Planting. The P&R Facebook page has more information. All three are great community volunteer events with registration on the P&R software or by calling the PRD.

**Discussion of Future events:** Joanne Morelli updated the Board on the Holiday Open House plans on Thu 12/9 @ 5:30 to 8:30 PM. All Board members volunteered to work the event. Dan Giacomelli said he can arrive about 6:30 PM. Joanne said the entire event will be held outdoors except for the NHS Orchestra. Joanne explained the event setup to the Board. The scouts will help collect canned goods again. Many activities normally held inside the Municipal Center will be held under a tent but only one side will be draped. There will also be one heated tent with

drapes. Missy asked about portable toilets. Paul said he hopes to just use the indoor bathrooms - but having portable toilets in the Municipal Center lot may be used.

**Other Business:** a) The P&R Board Chairperson said the Board would like to honor the memory of long time Board member Doris Bower. Deb Marchesani and her daughter Dori Bower will talk about placement of a plaque. Placement ideas were the new Pavilion at Styers or one of her other favorite Twp spots. b) New roof on Barn at Community Park was awarded by the Board of Supervisors on 10/25. Paul Kopera hopes contractor can complete before the peak of winter but nothing is definite. c) Paul mentioned that there will be lots of construction in 2023 around the Maple Point Campus. The intersections are being redone and the Neshaminy School District is planning to add Pearl Buck next to the middle school. The NHS is renovating 12 of its outdoor sports fields - three will become turf. d) Joanne brought up this issue for Helene Ratner: Board of Supervisor Mike Ksiazek's son Cole would like to be involved in township and community events for Teen centric events. Cole Ksiazek has some friends that would like to be involved. Paul and Dori spoke about the Teen Task Force back in 2012. Bringing it back will take some organization but consensus was positive for its return.

**Adjournment 7:09 PM:** Our next meeting is at the Holiday Open House on **Thu, December 9th at 5:30 pm**. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Missy Kitzmiller and seconded by Dan Giacomelli.