

## **Recreation Minutes**

**March 2 2023**

**Attendance:** Ryan Blass, Laurie Boyle, Andy Fox, Vanessa James, Jack Kostiuk, Tim McIlvaine, Chris Morris, Michael Razzo, Althea Sanders, Steven Snyder

### **Current programs and events:**

- Travel basketball finishes this weekend with the final two games still slated to be played. Some of the teams made the playoffs, which will take place next week (3/6 and 3/11).
- Both the in-house and Young Gunners programs finished for the season. There was a lot of positive feedback for the programs, and both are planned to return next year.
- Tee ball registrations are open and will continue throughout the month. Uniforms were ordered today, and the first practices are scheduled for April 12.
- Renovations took place for the pumptrack. Andy, Steve Blackmon and Dan McAteer met on Monday to look over the project. Further work is expected next week.
- Baseball and softball fields around town are being prepped for the upcoming seasons. Infields are being turned over, warning tracks are being redone, weeds are being removed, and bases are being reset. Speaking of baseball and softball, the middle school is having baseball tryouts on Monday the 6th at 3:30 over at McBurney. A 10-game schedule will start at the end of March, with five home and five road games. Additionally, the middle school will also have softball tryout March 7 at 3:30 at Harmon Field. This will be the inaugural season, with games also at the end of March. However, as of today, there is not a practice schedule in place.
- The next move for the upcoming resurfacing of the tennis courts will be awarding the bid for the project. This project is still planned to get done in the late Spring/early Summer.

### **Upcoming programs and events:**

- The Pitman High School baseball team is running a youth baseball clinic. It will be a morning program from April 10-12 at Alcyon for 8-12 year olds.

-The annual Egg Scramble will take place April 1 starting at 8:30 AM at Shertel Park. Two groups of 30 will go at time in half-hour windows. A rain date would take place the following Saturday (4/8).

-A few weeks ago, Andy met with Fred Rodi from Public Works to discuss the walking path at Betty Park. The path has some unsafe spots along it. This project would cost around \$5,000 to complete if done in-house.

-There was talk about providing better handicap accessibility for the soccer fields at the Dell/Memorial, with grant money likely needed to assist with that.

-Along with the resurfacing at the tennis courts, talk about adding sponsor signs at the courts were also discussed. One option would be keeping them at the courts similar in size to the ones at the baseball fields. Another option would be portable ones that could be moved during matches. A possible fundraising idea to help cover the costs was also mentioned.

-We have previously discussed the playground at Shertel Park. It seems that repairing it would be too costly and would likely just deteriorate quickly again. Instead, the idea of removing it and leveling the area was discussed. This could cater to younger kids, and something else could also be put there in the future. A motion was made and seconded to remove the playground from Shertel Park. The vote was a unanimous one to remove it.

-The overlook by the wildflower meadow at Alcyon was discussed and whether or not it should be rebuilt or just taken down. The overlook is in bad shape, an eye sore and overall just a safety hazard. A motion to remove it and to potentially rebuild it was made and seconded. This vote was a unanimous vote in favor of removing it.

-Christian Dutill, president of the Pitman Athletic Association, and his wife, Eva, were in attendance to discuss the scoreboard at Hero's Field. The scoreboard is past its life span, with some parts not even available anymore. Christian brought up the idea of replacing the scoreboard altogether, with the price tag being around \$5,500.

-Youth Week 2023: right now, the events for Youth Week will take place from May 7-12 (these dates and events are tentative and could change)

Sunday May 7: Youth Council

Monday May 8: Speedball Tournament from 5-9 PM at the high school gym

Tuesday May 9: Entertainment and Scavenger Hunt at Ballard Park

Wednesday May 10: Pop Up Park

Thursday May 11: Track and Field Meet at 4 PM at high school track, along with Open Mic night at Words Matter

Friday May 12: Career Day and Middle School Dance

**Next Meeting:** Thursday April 6 at 6:30 at Borough Hall