

August 1, 2021 Lawrence Park Recreation Board Minutes, by James Van Dyne

Due to closure of the Township building due to renovation, The Recreation Board met at the outdoor pavilion in Lake Cliff Park. Present were Tammy Benovic, Brenda Tombaugh, Tom Roberts, Kathy Maruca and Jim Van Dyne.

The meeting opened at 7:32 pm.

The board discussed the outcome of the 2021 July Fourth Parade. Although the parade was smaller than most previous years, it was agreed that it was a good showing and a good parade.

Commissioner Benovic reported that park recreation programs are working well. There are 32 children enrolled and doing well. The "Summer Olympics" went off without a hitch, and the last dance of the Summer is the Color Dance which is coinciding with National Night Out. On August 19th, Chris and Julie Moore of Tennessee Back Porch will be playing the final concert of the Summer at the Gazebo Park.

Chairman Van Dyne raised the issue that people are treating Emerson Field as a dog park by bringing their dogs there to run un-leashed. Ms. Benovic said that there is no place in Lawrence Park where dogs may be let off the leash. She said she would check signage at Emerson Field to make sure it is clear that dogs must be leashed.

Commissioner Benovic revealed that there is deal pending with the school board for the township to trade the soft ball fields for the tennis courts. She said the Township is intending to change one of the tennis courts into a pickle ball court.

Kathy Maruca asked if the pavilion in Curtis park might be available for rent. Ms. Benovic said this was possible.

Nest Recreation Board meeting is December 5th.

Brenda Tombaugh made a motion to adjourn and Al Gesler seconded. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended 7:55pm.

Submitted by Jim Van Dyne