

## **Minutes of the Sycamore Township Parks Advisory Committee Meeting September 27, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Jason Petty, Lisa Bass Hodge, J.T. Riley, Kathy Kugler, Tina Early, and J. Janus, Jr.

Not present for the meeting was Mr. Stanley, who gave notice of his absence.

### **Review of Past Meeting Minutes**

The June meeting minutes were presented for review. Ms. Early made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riley, to approve them. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion of Video and Audio for the PAC meetings**

Mr. Janus requested the Parks Advisory Committee meetings be recorded by video as well as audio just as the Trustees meetings are for full transparency. Ms. Kugler agreed. Mr. Janus then made a motion to record the meetings both by audio and video. Ms. Kugler seconded the motion. The motion failed with two committee members voting in favor and three voting against.

### **Movies and Music Updates**

Mr. Petty reported on the concert that was held in the Pavilion at Bechtold Park. He stated that it was a nice evening, and everyone seemed to enjoy the music of The Missy Werner Band, but that the Pavilion may not be an ideal place for larger crowds.

### **Park Events 2022**

Mr. Petty suggested that the calendar of events for 2022 consist of one movie and one concert per month, starting in June and concluding in September. He also recommended continuing the Yoga in the Park programs. Ms. Kugler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Early, to approve the 2022 calendar of events. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the Township purchasing a movie screen instead of renting a screen from Funflix. Mr. Janus made a motion to continue to rent from Funflix for the showing of the movies in the park. There was no second to the motion. Ms. Early made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riley, to recommend the Township purchase a movie screen. The motion passed with a vote of four to one.

### **Public Meeting Quorum Specifications**

Mr. Janus stated, in his opinion, if there are not enough committee members in attendance to have a quorum, everyone who was in attendance should leave and there should be no discussion. Mr. Petty told the committee that he would ask the Law Director to give the committee direction as to the correct procedures for the meetings.

**Athletic Field Use**

The committee discussed who was renting the fields, the price of field rentals, and how to incentivize people who live in Sycamore Township to use the fields more frequently. Ms. Early suggested each member of the committee think of two items to improve Township parks and bring those ideas to the next meeting. Mr. Petty suggested allowing Township residents the ability to reserve ball fields during the month of January before field rentals are open to the general public.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.