

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020  
4:00 P.M.**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its first meeting of the year on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at the Ferguson Township building. In attendance were:

**Committee:**

Niki Tourscher, Chairperson-Absent  
Tessa Antolick- Vice Chair  
Shawna Doerksen-Secretary  
Connie Puckett-Absent  
Norris Muth  
Robert Demayo

**Staff:**

David Pribulka, Township Manager  
Centrice Martin, Assistant to the Manager-Absent

Others in attendance were: Summer Krape, Recording Secretary; Lisa Strickland, Ferguson Township Board Member and Resident; Laura Dininni, Ferguson Township Board Member and Resident.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Shawna Doerksen called the Thursday, January 16, 2020 Park and Recreation meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

**III. CITIZEN'S INPUT**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**V. INTRODUCTION OF TESSA ANTOLICK AND ROBERT DEMAYO**

Mrs. Tessa Antolick and Mr. Robert Demayo introduced themselves to the Committee and the Committee introduced themselves to the new members.

**VI. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**1. Election of Chairperson**

Mr. David Pribulka opened up nominations for Chairperson, Mr. Norris Muth nominated Ms. Niki Tourscher, the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Election of Vice-Chairperson**

Mr. Pribulka opened up nominations for Vice-Chair and Mrs. Tessa Antolick nominated herself, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Election of Secretary**

Ms. Antolick then took over the meeting and opened up nominations for Secretary. Ms. Doersken nominated herself and the motion passed unanimously.

**VII. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES**

Mr. Pribulka stated that in the packet there are proposed meeting dates. He noted that meeting day and time did change and the Committee will now meet on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm. Mrs. Doerksen made a motion to approve the proposed meeting dates, Dr. Muth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2020**

Mrs. Antolick asked the Committee if there were any goals from 2019 that needed to be carried over into 2020. Mr. Pribulka went over things the Committee covered in 2019 such as Suburban Park and the mowing schedule of parks and undeveloped areas of parks. Mr. Pribulka stated that some big things the Board of Supervisors decided on for parkland development for 2020 include conducting a flood plain study in Suburban Park. Mr. Pribulka again stated that the Committee will provide additional input/recommendation on the mowing strategies for undeveloped parkland like the area in Cecil Irvin Park. Mr. Muth stated he would like to discuss the revegetation of storm water basins, he used Haymarket Park as an example. Mr. Pribulka explained that the goal is to get better infiltration there will be an infiltration mix planted, and possibly some small trees. Mr. Keough made a suggestion that the Committee members read the full comprehensive study on parks that the Park and Recreation Authority had done, since Ferguson Township has parks that contribute to this study he would like the members to read the study and discuss the issues as they impact the Township's parks. Mr. Pribulka stated that Ms. Centrice Martin will prepare a goal document and distribute to the Committee. Mrs. Antolick stated that as a small homework assignment for members is to think about possible goals the Committee would like to achieve this year.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mrs. Antolick asked how members can be contacted. Mr. Pribulka stated that the member's Township email is a good way. There also is a tab on the website someone can write in and it goes to Ms. Martin, Mr. Pribulka, and Ms. Tourscher.

**X. FUTURE REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Keough asked that the Committee think about asking the BOS about finding a high school junior from the Township and have them serve 2 years to be able to discuss topics from their point of view. Mrs. Strickland stated that there are some students in the Delta Program and High School getting into civic involvement. Mr. Muth stated that he would like the Parks Committee to consider the use of i-naturalist app and use it in some educational outreach. Mr. Muth stated that it could be used by taking a picture of a bird in a park and putting it on the app. He explained that this is similar to "Pokémon Go". Mr. Keough wanted to bring it to the Committee's attention that the Millbrook Marsh has experienced weather related crisis' such as higher water/more water and board walk is now partially closed. Mr. Keough stated that all agencies are being pulled together to figure out remedies for this. Mr. Pribulka stated that Ferguson Township will be putting information on this out on social media.

**XI. REPORTS**

**1. STAFF REPORT**

No staff report. Mr. Pribulka stated that there are some materials in the packet for Committee members that include the bylaws and procedures.

**2. CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY REPORT – MR. BILL KEOUGH**

**XII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Doerksen made a motion to adjourn the Thursday, January 16, 2020 Parks and Recreation meeting at 5:30 pm. Mr. Muth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawna Doerksen", is written over a horizontal line.

SHAWNA DOERKSEN, SECRETARY  
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE