

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Monday, December 5, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. Minutes
Washington Township Senior Center

Members Present: Ed Murray, Mary McArdle, Darlene Hatcher, Walt Cullen, Tim Roth,
Sue Coscia

Members Absent: William Roehrich

Others Present: Ken Short

Called to order at 6:33 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the October 3rd, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary McArdle to approve the minutes, seconded by Sue Coscia and unanimously approved by the committee members present.
2. Wolfpack Hockey Club Project – Ken Short, township committee member, gave a short summary on the background and some of the thinking behind the feasibility and advantages of a hockey rink being constructed at Palmer Park. Chris Westrick made the presentation on behalf of the Hockey Club. Although the facility would initially be intended for playing hockey in winter it could also be used at any time of the year for various recreation activities. It was also noted that the cost of bringing infrastructure to the site such as water, sewer, sanitary, electric, etc., might be shared by other sports clubs using the park. A preliminary perspective rendering, site plan and conceptual construction budget was reviewed with the committee. The initial budget is \$1,161,465. The funding and construction of the facility would be led by the Hockey Club and upon completion transferred to ownership of the town and the town would assume responsibility for all future maintenance and repair to include providing access to the site in winter. Although the town may be able to provide some funding for this project, the Hockey Club faces a major hurdle in raising money to complete this project.

After discussion a motion to endorse the project subject to approval of the Township Committee was made by Sue Coscia seconded by Mary McArdle and unanimously approved by the committee members present.

3. Ball Fields – Ken Short reported that the ball field at the Cucinella School may become available in the coming year and as a result it will no longer be necessary to use the field at Zion Church.

4. Future Calendar Activities for the Committee:

Turkey Trot 5K Run – Mary McArdle and Sue Coscia are hosting a meeting at the Township Library on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm. This is a recreation committee project and all committee members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. In order for this event to be successful Mary and Sue will need support from all of us.

Old Time Base Ball Game – possibly in conjunction with a farmers market and family fun activities. Darlene contacted the Base Ball group and a date of 7/29/17 was selected.

Bus Trip – possibly another Casino trip, if so schedule in either June or September.

5. Adjournment 7:54 p.m., Motion made by Mary McArdle, seconded by Sue Coscia and unanimously approved by the committee members present.