

**Township of Bloomfield**  
**Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2021 – 7:00PM  
*Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St*

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Cantalupo requested all present to rise and salute the flag

**2. ROLL CALL**

**P - Mr. Cantalupo**

**P - Mrs. Francisco**

**P - Ms. Estrela**

**P - Mr. Felix**

**AB - Mr. Gamble**

**P - Mrs. Hann**

**AB - Mr. Jenkins**

**P - Mr. Marek**

**AB - Mr. Tall**

**P - Councilman Ted Gamble**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 15, 2021

Committee Member Felix made a motion to approve the April minutes, seconded by Committee Member Estrela. All present approved unanimously, with the abstention of Committee Members Cantalupo, Francisco, and Hann.

**4. COMMUNICATION**

A. Hearing of the Public – NONE

B. Written – See Packet

Ms. Bennett and Mrs. Masucci – 176 Weaver Ave  
Kathy Siegrist

**5. REVIEW OF TREASURY BILL LISTS**

No one had any questions, comments, or concerns.

**6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Parks Report by Director - See Packet

B. Sub-Committee

a. Awards/Community Engagement

i. They will meet in the summer to come up with people for the September meeting. Director Scurman stated another Eagle Scout project was complete, and asked the Board if they wanted to do something like a certificate or plaque to bring those Eagle Scouts to their meeting and honor them, as well as the older completed Eagle Scout projects. The Board agreed on plaques.

b. Arts/Culture

- i. Committee Member Estrela stated starting today June 19 is National Holiday, Juneteenth. She then stated she got in touch with Pride committee to see if they can collaborate and do something together, like a parade. Director Scurman stated what Gabriela did was start a visual historical time line, with Councilman Gamble's suggestion, from the Stonewall riots to present day and it has visual posts with historical information. He then stated Gabriela is working on Native American month, which is in November, and they are meeting with Joe Dombrowski, the Director of Oakeside, to see if they can have an art show or exhibit there.

c. Policy/Procedures – None

d. Veteran Affairs – No Updates

## 7. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Programming Calendars – See Packet
- B. Summer Camp Flyer - See Packet
- C. Summer Camp Registration Statistics – See Packet
- D. Sports Clinic Flyer – See Packet
- E. Sports Clinic Registration Statistics - See Packet
- F. Local Recreation Parks Improvement Grant –Vassar Field Turf – Submitted
- G. Urban Parks Grant – Clarks Pond South Re-Turf – Due 6/30
- H. Green Acres Grant – Vassar & Clarks - Due 7/15
- I. Summer of Fun – Fundraising update
  1. Director Scurman stated they raised over \$30,000 this year for the Summer of Fun and fall concert series.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Town Pub Fundraiser – 4/28 – Raised \$800.00
  - a. Director Scurman stated since they did not have the May meeting he wanted to let everyone know that the Town Pub fundraiser raised \$800. He then stated it was really \$700 and something but Rami bumped it to \$800, and he will be a Gold Sponsor for the summer of fun. Director Scurman would like to try to do this with other businesses on a monthly base to help their business and help raise more money for the Financial Assistance Program.
- B. Little Library
  - a. Director Scurman stated the little library is up at Halcyon Pond, and he would like to thank Randall from DPW for installing it.
- C. Financial Literacy Program – Planned for in person in the fall
  - a. Director Scurman stated they are 99.9% positive they are going to be back in person starting in September. The Board of Ed already opened their facility applications for them so they are set for the rest of the year.
- D. Cedar Street – Parcel of land

- a. Director Scurman stated when Committee member Marek is ready to go check out the land; he would need to give Director Scurman a heads up so he is not rummaging around through someone's backyard.
- E. National Fitness Campaign
  - a. Director Scurman stated it might be something they can look into through Community Block Grant but as of now, they are trying to get the tennis courts done first. He then stated, once they are done then the natural progression would be to try to raise the building.
- F. Beautification Committee – Civic Center & Library – Morning of 5/22
  - a. Director Scurman stated the Beautification committee was here at the Civic Center on May 22, they did a real nice job and they sprinkler system is up and running. He then stated he was there as well as Dina and about 20 other volunteers.
- G. End of Year Report
  - a. Director Scurman stated he is still working on it, and will have it done by the end of this year.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Summer of Fun Events – Movies/Locations/Bands/Genres - See Packet
  - 1. Director Scurman stated he would like to try to determine if anyone has any movies they would be interested in seeing and/or genres of movies since the dates and times are already set. He then stated he did want to show McFarland this year since they bought the license for it last year and was not able to play it because they were rained out at the College. They have a one-year limit to show it without having to pay for it again. He then stated the traditional location for drive in's has been UTI and Bloomfield College, and since all of the car shows in August are at UTI with a movie playing on the last show, he asked if they want to have the movies in different parks around Bloomfield.
    - a. July 6 - Outdoor Movie at Brookside – Hook
    - b. July 13 - Drive-In Movie at Bloomfield College – Jumanji
    - c. July 20 - Outdoor Movie at - Trolls World Tour
    - d. August 3 - National Night Out & Outdoor Movie at Foley – McFarland USA
    - e. September 21 – Shadow of the 60's Concert at Brookside
    - f. September 28 – David Cedeno & Band at Wright's Field
    - g. October 5 – Mahoney Brothers at Vassar Field
    - h. October 16 – New Power Soul at Foley and Fireworks
- B. Eagle Scout – Chris Eardley
  - 1. Director Scurman stated
- C. Bloomfield Little League Request – 50/70 League
  - 1. Committee Member Cantalupo stated the President of Bloomfield Little League requested to start a 50/70 league, would like to continue Little League to 13 instead of 12, and allow the kids to play 50/70 at 13 years old. He then stated he, Director Scurman, the League

President of Babe Ruth and travel team in town to talk about how it would affect the other leagues because Babe Ruth usually gets a lot of the kids that graduated Little League into Babe Ruth, and make sure those numbers didn't hamper his as well as the Bloomfield Bombers team. Committee Member Cantalupo then stated he thought it was a good meeting and in the end the goal was to put out a flyer to the parents of the children graduating Little League and give the kid an option; Option A would be to stay in Little League and play 50/70. Option B would be to go to Babe Ruth and Option C would be to go to the Bomber Program.

**10. CLOSED SESSION - NONE**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Hann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Felix. All present approved unanimously