

**COLLIER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2022 MEETING**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll call

Present: Mary Popeck, Sue Harford, Dr. Jeff Witman, Matt Shipton; Josh Werner, Director/Parks & Recreation

Absent: Kyle Robinson, Lori Ferguson, and Commissioner Deb Zymroz

- II. Minutes of the August 30, 2022, meeting were previously approved via email to/from the Board members.

- III. Public Comments/Acknowledgement of Guest(s):

There were no public comments or guests.

- IV. Committee reports:

Friends Report: A fundraiser is being conducted to sell Applelicious Hand-Dipped Gourmet Apples and Pretzels and Natural Soy Candles for the holidays.

- VII. Old Business

Collierfest was a big success with a small profit being made for the township. There was a discussion about which beverages sold well and which ones didn't. It was suggested that Parks & Rec should reach out to attendees and community members to obtain feedback on Collierfest.

- VIII. New Business

A moment of silence was held for Anna Ewing, the Parks & Recreation Board Secretary, who passed away on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Several board members contributed to a Memorial Stone in her honor. This is a big loss to the board and Anna will be sorely missed.

Board Member, Alicia Guarnaccio, has resigned due to other commitments. The Board is sad to see her leave.

Josh agreed to send out a request looking for township residents who are interested in joining the board.

- IX. Parks & Recreation Department Report by Josh Werner:

Josh Werner announced that he has turned in his resignation to the township manager and his last day will be Friday, Nov 4. Josh will be the new Parks & Recreation Director for Moon Township. Board members wished Josh well in his new position,

thanked him for all he has done for Collier Township, and noted that he will be greatly missed.

The name for Collier's yearly *Light Up Night* must change as we have been notified by the City of Pittsburgh that they have trademarked that name and Collier is not permitted to use it. A new name has not yet been chosen but the event will occur on Friday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6 – 8 pm.

The Veterans Brunch will be held on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. So far, there are 20 – 30 people signed up. Keynote speakers are 21-year Marine Veteran Craig Hodgkins along with medical service dog, Foxy, and Matthew Romanishin who is a US Army veteran and licensed Clinical Social Worker for the VA.

Help is needed at the Front Desk especially for nights and weekends.

The resurfacing of TJ Court has been completed.

Cracks in Webb Park have been patched although other work at this park still needs to be performed.

Approximately \$100,000 in program fees have been collected. The Parks and Recreation Department is on track for one of the best years ever.

- X. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
- XI. The next meeting of the Board will take place at the Community Center on November 22, at 6:30 p.m.