

**COLLIER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2023 MEETING**

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

Roll call

Present: Mary Popeck, Sue Harford, Kathi Jobkar, Matt Shipton, Jeff Witman, Rob Shazer (Director/Parks & Recreation) and Commissioner Deb Zymroz

- II. Minutes of the April 17, 2023 meeting were previously approved via email to/from the Board members.

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

None

- IV. Committee reports:

Friends Report: Deb reported on the successful hanging plant fundraiser. She shared the intent of the group to move toward holding fewer but larger-in-scope events (e.g., Purse Bingo, Night at the Races). Both Deb and Rob emphasized the need for volunteers to assist with the 50/50 raffles planned for each of the summer's concerts. Jeff suggested that Friends and the Department provide recognition to the Department's staff, volunteers and participants during Parks and Recreation month (July) and Parks and Recreation Professionals Day (July 21).

- VII. Old Business

Rob reported on the start of Spring programs and a successful Clean Up day. Matt provided feedback about the CSI program which will be expanded to include older participants when it is offered again.

At our April meeting the Board supported identifying a grant writer related to the Grist House property development. Rob provided information on why this is currently not feasible as the current Township grants need to be closed before applying for any new ones.

- VIII. New Business

Rob emphasized the need for volunteers for Collierfest and for the Collier Community Days (scheduled for July 14 and an August date to be determined).

- IX. Parks & Recreation Department Report by Rob Shazer/Board Member Comments

Rob shared positive registration numbers for Summer programs including Chess Camp, Basketball League/Camp and Summer Kids Camp. He also mentioned upcoming fitness offerings and a July 24 bus trip to Pittsburgh.

Sponsorships for concerts, playgrounds and ball fields are needed.

The Board shared their support /appreciation of the Musical Theater Camps coordinated by Krista Strosnider (Note: Registration is now open for the summer offering- Seussical Jr., July 17-28)

Rob described the Collier Kids Zone. This will add a variety of games for kids to the Collierfest menu of activities.

In response to a question about drones in the parks Rob shared the Township's position that they are not allowed and should be reported to Police.

- X. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
- XI. The next meeting of the Board will take place at the Community Center on June 19 at 6:30 p.m.