

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION
December 19, 2023, MEETING MINUTES**

1) Call to Order.

A) Amy Johnston-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call:

- A) The following Parks & Recreation board members were in attendance: Amy Johnston-Smith, Beth Ann Mazza, Erin DiPaolo, Ray Lotfi, Kasey Walker, and Stephanie Padula. Michelle Brown was absent.
B) Also in attendance: Jane Delaney, Director of Parks & Recreation, Karen Barron, Minutes Secretary, Dr. Janine Darby, Board Liaison, Kaitlyn Phan, Student Representative and Rylie Cox, Parks & Recreation Intern.

4) Meeting Minutes:

A) The meeting minutes of November 19, 2023, were approved and submitted.

5) Old Business

- A) Pet Photo event – A huge Thank you to Gary Brown for volunteering as Santa, again this year. It was a huge turnout. 47 dogs and 2 cats.
B) Thank you to all the Park Board members that volunteered their time at our Tree Lighting event. We all had a great time regardless of the rain.
C) Thank you to Kaitlyn Phan and Thomas MacNeel, and Marissa Di Paolo for participating at our Tree Lighting event. You all were a huge help.
D) Thank you to the Optimist Club for providing the hot cocoa and cookies at our Tree Lighting event.
E) Santa Hotline – 37 families participated. – Thank you to the Optimist and especially Tom Bobst for all his help with the calls! We received many “Thank you” emails saying how much their kids loved getting a call from Santa.
F) Thank you to everyone who donated to Caring and Sharing, we really appreciate it.

6) New Business

- A) Just a reminder that there will be a breakfast for Karen Hegedus on December 20, 223 at 9:30am in the auditorium to give her a much-deserved farewell.
B) Caring and Sharing update, all presents have been wrapped and ready for pick up by the families.

Comments from the Board

- A) Beth Ann Mazza mentioned Fisher Park and a walk-through light display.
B) Ray Lotfi mentioned having reached out to orchestras in the area.

8) Supervisor Liaison Report

Dr. Janine Darby let the board know that there is a dinner at Chadwick’s for the community. Encompass Health – Physical Rehab in Audubon will be opening. The re-organizational meeting will be held on January 4th at 6:00p.m.

9) Resident Comments

Cathy Mullin is a resident and lives on Sweet Gum Lane. She spoke about the Bluebird boxes and how they are in disrepair. She offered to repair and maintain the boxes if the board would allow.

10) Motion to Adjourn.

G) **MOTION:** Kasey Walker made a motion to adjourn. Erin Di Paolo seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2024