

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

**Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023 – 7:00PM**  
*Civic Center, 84 Broad St.*

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Committee Member Cantalupo requested all present to rise and salute the flag

**2. ROLL CALL**

**P - Mr. Cantalupo**

**P - Mrs. Francisco**

**AB - Mr. Arvelo**

**P - Mr. Duret**

**AB - Mr. Felix**

**P - Mrs. Hann**

**P - Mr. Jenkins**

**AB - Mr. Marek**

**P(7:02) - Mr. Tall**

**P - Councilman Ted Gamble**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 19, 2023**

Committee Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the January minutes, seconded by Committee Member Francisco. All present approved.

**4. COMMUNICATION**

A. Hearing of the Public - NONE

B. Written

1. Director Scurman stated he received an email from John Garrison regarding the potential for St. Thomas softball but thinks it would be best to discuss it in new or unfinished business since they have discussed it in the past.

**5. REVIEW OF TREASURY BILL LISTS**

Committee Member Cantalupo asked if the Committee had any questions, comments, or concerns about any of the items listed. No one had any questions, comments, or concerns.

**6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Parks Report by Director – See Packet

B. BOE Liaison Report - Nadeisha Greene

Mrs. Greene stated they have a lot of things going on in February. On February 1<sup>st</sup> they kicked off their District 1 celebration of Black History month. Schools across the district celebrated the Chinese New Year to welcome the year of the rabbit. The Superintendent did put out a correspondence, district wide, condemning the recent hate crime that happened in town. She stated they have early childhood center

applications set for the 2023 and 2024 school year which will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>, and cannot register online for this, it must be in person.

Mrs. Greene then stated a huge congratulations to Kira Pipkins on her 100<sup>th</sup> win for wrestling and is the first female to accomplish this at Bloomfield high School ad State history. She is going for her 4<sup>th</sup> State title, and they all wish her nothing but the best. They have some new offering in February called Bengal Talks for the high school students.

Mrs. Greene then stated some elementary news, congratulations to Berkeley school on hosting a very successful summer camp fair and will share the information school wide. She then stated a lot of the students participated in a Civil Rights Commission essay contest and a lot of them won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place from Berkeley, Oakview and Carteret school. The last week of February is read across America.

#### C. Sub-Committee Reports

##### 1. Facilities

i.

##### 2. Awards/Community Engagement

i. Director Scurman he received 2 nominees today, one for service and one for citizen, and as per the guidelines they will take any submission from last year that was not awarded will be in for consideration again. He then stated he plans to send out another email blast, more social media posts, and has it is on the website.

##### 3. Policy/Procedures - None

##### 4. Veteran Affairs

i. Director Scurman stated they had 2 temporary dates that were picked, and they are going with March 1<sup>st</sup> to get together for the first time of the year, at 6pm at the Civic Center.

##### 5. Cultural Affairs - None

### **7. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

A. Program Calendars – See Packet

B. Winter Programming – See Packet

C. Basketball Update – 6 of our 7 teams made the playoffs.

D. Wrestling Update – Record 4-3

1. Director Scurman stated he got an update that Bloomfield beat Nutley and they are now 5-3.

E. Softball Registration – Started on 2/8/23 – See Packet

F. Community Garden Update – See Packet

1. Director Scurman stated as they spoke about, his department is taking over at Pulaski, Milbank and Oakeside and started online registration. He then stated Pulaski Park is currently full and has 4 community spots that they harvest food and donate to the neighbor to neighbor network. Last year they donated about 900 pounds of food last year.

G. Community Farmers Market Update

1. Director Scurman stated he completed the new application, and after speaking with Councilwoman Mundell she wanted to try and have more of an incentive for the vendors to participate for the duration of all 21 weeks, June 6 – October 31. Last years rate was \$30 per vendor per

week. He then stated this year they are setting it up in 3 installments of \$30 per event, or if they paid in full it would be \$525 and they would save \$105. He then stated he would have to make an ordinance change for the fee structure with the Mayor and Council.

H. Summer of Fun – Letters were sent out the week of Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

1. Director Scurman stated he is happy to report that they already raised over \$10,000 in the first week.

I. Grants

a. Local Park Improvement Grant – Lion Gate Shade Structure

b. Green Acres Supplemental Grant – Vassar & Clarks

c. CDBG 2022 – Dial-A-Ride Vehicles & Memorial Pickle Ball Lights

d. CDBG 2023 – Wrights Field Pickle Ball Courts

J. 2022 End of Year Report

a. Goals & Objectives for 2023

- Director Scurman stated what he would like for the subcommittee to do is if they have any goals or objectives they would like to see for his department to do, they can share them directly with him through email.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Green Acres Project update

a. Director Scurman stated Vassar Field is currently taking place, and will probably be done by the end of next week, and then they will mobilize at Clarks. The goal is to have both fields completely done by mid-March.

B. Lightning Detectors

a. Director Scurman stated he believe Committee member Jenkins put through the purchase order for the lightning detector at Foley Field and will include the wet bulb thermometer. If it works, they may be able to utilize one in a north end park and a south end park to cover the entire town. Committee member Jenkins stated just for clarification, they do have town wide coverage, the only difference is that will be the only location that something would sound an alarm at Foley. All staff members in the system, would get an alert if lighting is detected anywhere in town.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Oakeside Cultural Center – See Packet

- Monday Night Music at Oakeside Cultural Center

- DJ Class on Tuesdays

- Wellness Wednesdays

- Photography Class on Thursdays

- 2/26/23 Fundraiser

- Women's Poetry Event on 3/26/23 - Noon

B. Program Participation – Reporting by geographic area – See Packet

C. John Garrison (ADDED) – See Packet

1. Director Scurman stated he received an email from him about possibly having a dedicated St. Thomas softball team join the peppermint league. He then stated his initial take is he would love to have more participation

in the league, but a school trying to put a full team together was not fair. If they want to register and tryout to make a team that is fine, but to already come into the league with their own team will not work. The committee agreed with that stance.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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