

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Oakbourne Mansion, 1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown Township, PA
July 14, 2015

In attendance: Commission Members Deb Litman-Goch (Chair), Maria Klang (V. Chair), Stuart Rich, Seamus Lavin, Jennifer Masiko and Walter Pavelchek. Absent were Mark Schatzel and Township Manager Rob Pingar.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes of June 9, 2015 meeting were approved with 2 small changes: 1) the date of the Holiday Festival on page should be December 6 (not 16); and 2) the meeting at Walt's house was June 25 (not July). Deb volunteered to prepare the minutes of this meeting.

III. New Business

A. P&R Priorities for 2016 and Beyond

A good portion of the meeting was focused on discussing P&R's short and long-term priorities. All agreed it would be helpful to have a master plan. Carter Van Dyke joined by phone to provide us with suggestions on how we might develop a master plan. In Carter's opinion, he felt our focus should be on the preservation of Oakbourne Park as Westtown's 'jewel in the crown'. This could involve a tree preservation/replacement plan, beautifying the walking paths and utilizing The Mansion more fully to gain revenue that could be reinvested to fund other P&R strategic projects. It was suggested a 501(c)(3) might be a way to channel donations. Seamus offered to look into the requirements for setting up a 501(c)(3).

It was agreed Deb would ask each P&R Commissioner to provide their top 3 priorities and that the discussion would be continued at the next P&R meeting in August.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2015 Calendar of Events

1. Movie nights
 - July 24 – Sound of Music preceded by the West Chester Band at 7pm
 - August 14 – Muppets Most Wanted (Seamus to seek a sponsor to provide popcorn for this movie night)
2. Holiday Festival – December 6 from 12-3pm

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT & NON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.