

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, February 11, 2019
4:00 P.M.**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting of the month on Monday, February 11, 2019, at Ferguson Township in Conference Room 2. In attendance were:

Committee:

Niki Tourscher, Chairperson,
Denise Myer
Norris Muth
Shawna Doerksen
Connie Puckett

Staff:

David Pribulka, Township Manager

Others in attendance were: Jon Kauffman; Matt Vidic; and Laura Dininni, resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Tourscher called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTMEBER 10, 2018 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Muth and seconded by Ms. Puckett to approve January 14, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion carried 4-0.

IV. CITIZEN'S INPUT

Mr. Vidic spoke about need the for sport fields and maintaining those areas. Mr. Kauffman spoke in support of low/no mow areas and engaging students in science learning.

V. CONTINUED – DISCUSSION OF FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2019

Ms. Doerksen suggested creating a values statement, or a core values statement, that include promotion of health and well being and promotes active youth. Mr. Muth expressed concerns about managing green landscapes and maintaining their natural features. Mr. Muth suggested that the Committee be more thoughtful about how facilities and space are used and maintained. Mr. Muth also suggested the Committee should engage the public in this process and provide education. Ms. Myer would like to keep community gathering spaces in parks in mind as we consider all suggestions.

VI. REVIEW OF THE FAIRBROOK PARK 'NO MOW' MAP

The Committee reviewed the map and suggested the area east of the shared use path can be worked onto the map and allow a place for seating. The Committee also noted that the Northwest area of park abutting residences can be added strategically as a native landscaping area. Ms. Dininni suggested tightening up the 'low mow' designated area adjacent to the soccer field where people might sit to watch soccer games. These changes will be reviewed by the Township Arborist, too, and updated on the map by the Township's GIS technician and presented back to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a new review.

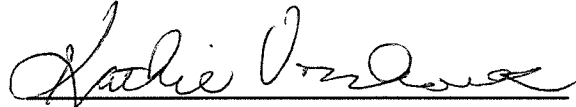
VII. REPORTS

1. **Staff Report:** Mr. Pribulka provided his staff report and the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency report. The Parks, Recreation, Open space survey was discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the Parks and Recreation Committee adjourned at 5:12 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathie Vondracek", written over a horizontal line.

KATHIE VONDRACEK, SECRETARY
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE