

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2023**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yon at 7:00 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Mark Yon, S. Joseph Jablonski, Michael Veltri, Mary Lee Mahon, Matthew DiGirolamo

Absent: Shamus Petrucelli, Mary Lasher

Staff: Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA, Township Manager; Todd Giammatteo, Public Service Superintendent

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Establishment of a Non-Profit Corporation to Support Chapel Harbor Riverfront Park

Ms. Stacey Vernallis introduced herself to the Parks and Recreation Commission. She acknowledged that Chapel Harbor Riverfront Park is a privately owned public park, where anglers, birdwatchers, water sports enthusiasts, dog walkers and fitness enthusiasts are attracted. Ms. Vernallis explained that the Chapel Harbor Master Homeowners Association created the Chapel Harbor Riverfront Park Foundation to support development of the park. On behalf of the foundation, Ms. Vernallis requested the Township to include the riverfront park when seeking matching grant opportunities.

It was noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory board and only Township Council could authorize assistance in funding.

B. Annual Parks Tour

Following a brief discussion among the Commission and staff, the 2023 Annual Parks Tour was scheduled for June 28, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tourists are to meet at the Township Municipal Building, 325 Fox Chapel Road. Parks that will be toured include Meadow Park, Chapel Harbor Riverfront Park, and Woodland Park.

IV. MINUTES

A. February 22, 2023

Motion by Mr. DiGirolamo to approve the subject minutes as presented was seconded by Vice Chair Jablonski and carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Lee Reichbaum, 109 Glen Brook Drive, inquired about potential expansion of pickle ball courts at Meadow Park. The Manager explained the existing tennis courts would need to be turned to expand the courts, which may create visual issues due to the sun.

Ms. Heather Brinker, of Stonewall Alliance, introduced herself to the Parks and Recreation Commission and explained the Alliance rented Meadow Park to play kickball games. Manager Jakubec informed the Parks and Recreation Commission that they were instructed to play their games on the infield of the baseball diamond. They played their games in the outfield and as a result, damaged the field.

Chairman Yon recommended Ms. Brinker meet with Township staff to resolve the issue. If Stonewall Alliance does not comply, the permit will be revoked and they will need to find another place to play kickball games.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Manager Jakubec informed the Parks and Recreation Commission that the 100-Million Tree Project and Scouts of America will be planting 300 Dogwood trees at Meadow and Ruth Weir Parks.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Veltri to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Vice Chair Jablonski and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

  
Cathy Bubas, Manager's Secretary

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

SIGN-IN SHEET

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA

Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting

4-26-2023  
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109 Glen Brook Dr 15215  
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Heather Brinker  
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Mike Zula  
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Stacey Vennellus  
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John Rogers Friday Jr  
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