

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

MEETING ATTENDANCE / ROLL CALL

X if present	Council Member Name	X if present	Council Member Name	X if present	Other Name
X	Mattocks, Mary Kay	Absent	Bonner, Timothy (Solicitor)	X	Oakes, Vance (Boro Manager)
Absent	Daley, Kathleen	Absent	DiStasi, Vincent	Absent	Pollard, Tanya (Boro Secretary)
X	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	Absent	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
Absent	Henry, James	Absent	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)		
Absent	Hodge, Jeffrey	Absent	Zimmerman, William		
X	Gallagher, Amy	Absent	Oakes, Alex (Jr. Council)		
Absent	Jaillet, Scott	Absent	Foley, Hannah (Jr. Council)		

DISCUSS POSSIBLE FIELD USE CONTRACT WITH THE LEGENDS TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAM FOR USE OF THE JV BASEBALL FIELD IN MEMORIAL PARK. SCOTT WILLIAMSON TO ATTEND REPRESENTING THE LEGENDS TEAM.

Mr. Scott Williamson from the Legends Travel Baseball Team was present to ask for permission to use the JV ball fields in Memorial Park for practice only. He said they would not be hosting any games or tournaments. Mr. Jim Miller from the Pony League who has an agreement with the Borough to use the fields stated his organization maintains them and has funded many improvements to them. He stated he does not want to bear the sole responsibility for other leagues to benefit from his work. Mr. Shawn Myers suggested that the two talk and work out an agreement. Mr. Williamson and Mr. Miller went out to the lobby to discuss an arrangement. When they returned they had reached an agreement on shared responsibility of the fields. Mr. Vance Oakes informed Mr. Williamson that he would need to sign an agreement with the Borough and that it would have to be approved by Council at the May 17, 2021 meeting.

DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE ADDITION OF A VOLLEYBALL COURT IN MEMORIAL PARK. MAYOR RIDDLE AND JEN SHELLEY, GCHS HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL.

The Committee discussed the possible installation of a volleyball court in Memorial Park near the high school property line. Ms. Jen Shelly is recommending a grass volleyball court over sand for easier maintenance. The size of the court would be 30' x 60'. The court would be lined with tape or burn lines. The High School Volleyball Team is willing to fundraise the \$500-\$1,500 needed to purchase the equipment. The net and poles would be removable in the winter.

DISCUSS PROPOSAL BY OLDE TOWN GROVE CITY TO MOVE THE FARMERS MARKET FROM MONTELEONE YOUTH FESTIVAL PARK DOWNTOWN OUT TO MEMORIAL PARK. MARY KAY MATTOCKS WILL PROVIDE DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL.

Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks reported that Olde Town Grove City has suggested moving the Farmers Market from the Joseph D. Monteleone Youth Festival Park to Memorial Park to allow for more growth. The farmers market operates every Thursday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM starting in June thru October. The Memorial Park location would allow more vendors and crafters. She suggested changing the name to incorporate "Homegrown Homemade".

DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADDITION OF A PICKLEBALL COURT IN A BOROUGH PARK. MAYOR RIDDLE RECEIVED AN INQUIRY ABOUT THIS AND REQUESTS THAT THE COMMITTEE DISCUSS.

Mayor Riddle was approached by a citizen that would like to see a Pickle Ball Court installed in Memorial Park on the basketball court. Mrs. Mary Kay Mattocks opposed painting the court on the basketball courts but would consider expanding the court to add on. Mr. Pat Cavanaugh has committed to donate funds to improve the basketball courts. Mrs. Mattocks will talk with him to see if he would be willing to fund the expansion.

UPDATE ON BICYCLE PUMP TRACK IN MEMORIAL PARK. MR. AYERS IS PROPOSING AN ALTERNATE LOCATION WITHIN MEMORIAL PARK THAT WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH USE OF THE PICNIC SHELTERS IN PINE GROVE CIRCLE.

Mr. Shawn Myers and Mr. Vance Oakes went to Memorial Park to view John Ayers proposed bicycle pump track and decided it was too close to the pavilions and noted it interfered with the disk golf course. Mr. Ayers then recommended placing it closer to the mine hills. The Committee agreed that the mine hills area would be a much better location.

DISCUSSION ON THE NUMBER OF 5K EVENT REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH AND THE IMPACT THESE EVENTS CREATE. BOROUGH MANAGER TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON 5K LOCATIONS THAT COULD BE ACCOMMODATED WITHOUT STREET CLOSURES.

Mr. Vance Oakes presented a 5K route utilizing the Hunter Park Trail that would prevent the closure of Borough roads. Participants would be able to park at the Hunter Farm Soccer Fields. The Committee agreed it would be best to direct 5K races to use the trail.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya M. Pollard