

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
PARKS and RECREATION**

3092 Sугan Road, P.O. Box 139  
Solebury, PA 18963  
Ofc: 215-297-5702 Fax: 215-297-8402  
soleburyparks@soleburytp.org

---



***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – March 26, 2015***

**PRESENT:** Kevin Campbell, Greg Cathcart, Dan Dupont, Martin Leyland,  
Jane Wilson, Kim Wilson, Parks and Recreation Director Dudley Rice  
and Supervisor Liaison Helen Tai

**ABSENT:** Lori High, Andy Kelly, Jim Trammell,

**I OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Kevin Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**III APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION 15-05:** *On a motion by Dan Dupont, second by Jane Wilson, the minutes from the February 26, 2015 meeting were approved with a correction to remove the name of Chris Walinski from the attendance list.*

**IV FINANCE REPORT**

Board members reviewed the finance report.

**V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

**VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES**

Board members reviewed the facilities report.

All athletic fields are closed due to current weather and ground conditions. Maintenance activity is ongoing as weather conditions and schedules permit. Water has been turned on at all locations and bathrooms in anticipation of the spring season.

It was noted that the Board of Supervisors awarded the bid for the removal of the dam at Aquetong Lake to the low bidder, Flyway Excavating, in the amount of \$596,015. Work is expected to begin in late April 2015.

**VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS**

Board members reviewed the program report.

The Solebury Parks and Recreation 7th-grade girls' basketball team won the Inter-County Basketball Association (ICBA) Division 2 League championship by defeating the number-two team, Paoli, 43-16. The 12-year-old girls completely dominated Paoli throughout the game

and maintained a great defensive effort that kept the opponent in check. The Solebury girls finished their season with an undefeated record (14-0).

#### **VIII PUBLIC EVENTS**

Board members reviewed the report of upcoming events. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday morning, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. at Pat Livezey Park. Member Kim Wilson is Chair for the event. The 5K Lions Pride Race is being held on Sunday, April 12 at the NH-S high school.

Solebury received \$5,500 from our 2015 Winter Festival event, bringing Solebury P&R total to date to \$60,700. Disbursement to local organizations from the 2015 Event totaled \$38,783.

#### **IX COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members reviewed the Committee reports.

#### **X OLD BUSINESS**

Members discussed the Solebury Day event for 2015 and the logo prepared by Jane Wilson. Helen Tai suggested adding some diversity to the logo and members agreed. Jane will work on this and send out a revision to all.

#### **XI NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **XII PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Maguire addressed the members with some suggestions as detailed below. The Director will get input from the Travel team coaches and others for discussion as a later date.

1. If a player makes a travel team, each player must play at least one minute of every game (including playoffs and tournaments). This excludes those players who are sick or injured and are unable to play. If by some circumstance that a person is able and does not get in, the head coach will immediately (right after the game or that evening) talk with the player and the parents to explain why this happened and adjustments would be made in the next game.
2. The team selection process should be a set (at least 3) independent coaches. These selection coaches should be knowledgeable about their sport, yet not have a child/relative participating in the tryout. They will evaluate the children on a numerical basis, depending on different skills needed to achieve success in the travel basketball program (i.e.: for basketball, dribbling and shooting skills). The travel coaches will have a final say in the makeup of the team, but should be following the recommendations of the independent coaches.
3. Coaches of a sport (basketball, baseball, etc.) should have a venue to share ideas, drills, plays, etc. This venue can be in person (before the season starts) or online (in a facebook forum, Dropbox, etc.). The goal will be for best practices to evolve so that all children in the program have a knowledgeable coach. The high school coaches for all sports should be involved in this process since these children will graduate and hopefully play for these coaches in the future. The high school coaches should be available for consultation (via e-mail or in person) to talk about ideas on how to improve the players in a fun, enjoyable way.

4. At the end of every season, parents and players have an opportunity to offer constructive ideas on how to make the program even better next year. This will not be a forum for coach-bashing, but offer ideas on how to make the teams continue to grow for next season.

5. If there is enough quality players (and volunteer coaches) available for a B team, they would be allowed to form a team. Gym time will be shared (similar to what the 6th grade boys had done for the past 2 seasons).

## **XII ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 15-06:** *On a motion by Jane Wilson, second by Kim Wilson, the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI  
Director of Parks & Recreation