

**Westtown Township**  
**Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
Oakbourne Mansion, 1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown, PA  
January 8, 2019

In attendance: Commissioners Ida Fritsche, Phillip Garabedian, Susan Alloway, Allison Corcoran, Eileen Bengston, and Tim Farrell. Township Manager, Rob Pingar, and 1 guest were also in attendance.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of November 13, 2018 were approved with the following edits: Under Approval of Minutes, "The date of the last meeting was corrected to October 9, 2018. Under New Business, the spelling of Phillip Garabedian's name was corrected. (SA/AC)

**III. New Business**

**A. Election of New Officers**

Phillip Garabedian made a motion to nominate Ida Fritsche as Chair. Allison Corcoran seconded the motion. Ida accepted the nomination. There was no comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ida Fritsche made a motion to nominate Phillip Garabedian as the Vice Chair. Susan Alloway seconded the motion. Phillip accepted the nomination. There was no comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

The commission decided not to appoint a Secretary for 2019. Instead, the commission decided to operate on a rotating schedule:

January/February: Phillip Garabedian  
March/April: Eileen Bengston  
May/June: Susan Alloway  
July/August: Tim Farrell  
September/October: Jim Brookover  
November/December: Allison Corcoran

The commission also scheduled representation at the 2019 Board of Supervisors meetings:

January 22, 2019: Phillip Garabedian  
February 19, 2019: Tim Farrell  
March 18, 2019: Eileen Bengston  
May 20, 2019: Susan Alloway  
June 17, 2019: Ida Fritsche  
July 15, 2019: Ida Fritsche  
August 19, 2019: Ida Fritsche

September 16, 2019: Ida Fritsche  
October 21, 2019: Jim Brookover  
November 18, 2019: Allison Corcoran  
December 16, 2019: Susan Alloway

## **B. 2019 Calendar of Events**

The commission discussed the summer movie nights, including the possibility of decreasing the number of movie nights from 4 to 3. The discussion focused on adult themed movie nights. Tim Farrell suggested having a band play before the movie. The commission liked the idea and Tim said he would follow up with the West Chester Band for availability. In addition to the band, the commission discussed incorporating a wine or beer tasting at the movie. The commission agreed to further look into what businesses may be interested in this and if something like this would be acceptable from a township perspective.

The Children's Summer series was briefly discussed including the potential to increase the number of events from 3 to 4 as a result of the high turnout last year. Susan Alloway said she would start looking at various performers and ideas for this year's Summer Series as well as talk to Pam Coleman to secure dates.

Based on a suggestion from Eva Foster, the commission agreed to look into hosting a garden lecture in the spring. Eileen Bengston said she would reach out to Friends of Oakbourne about the idea.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Holiday Festival Recap**

The commissioners agreed that the Winter Festival was a success, noting that they went through all the gingerbread cookies and presents. The group agreed that the vendors did not get as much traffic as desired, and discussed changing the layout or adding additional signage to increase awareness that vendors are present in the Dunning Room.

## **V. Public Comment**

Eva Foster, 734 Westbourne Road, asked P&R to consider more events for adults. She described some of the events P&R used to host when she was on the commission. Her suggestions included a dog show, gardening lecture, clam bake, car show, or having an event put on by the Mummers. Mrs. Foster asked why the commission decided not to hold the Yard Sale this year. Phillip Garabedian and Susan Alloway explained that seller registrations had declined for the last several years. Eliminating the yard sale also created space on the calendar for P&R to introduce the Egg Hike, slated for Saturday, April 13.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next P&R commission meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2019.