



Kennedy Township Bocce League

Bocce Commissioner's Meeting 07-16-24

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items

- 1. Purpose of Meeting.** Discussion with the Kennedy Township Parks and Recreation Board and Kennedy Dek Hockey League regarding rumors of moving the bocce courts. Each Night's Commissioner was requested to attend along with 2 representatives from each night. Each night was represented with the exception of Friday night who did not show up for the meeting. Also in attendance were several league members who were playing bocce on Tuesday evening.
- 2. Kennedy Township Parks and Recreation Board.** Jack Reidy was the main presenter and was also accompanied by Charlene Cherokee who is also on the Parks and Recreation Board. Jack provided a background of the Parks and Recreation Board and also discussed the efforts in place to generate a wish list of ideas from key stakeholders of ways to improve the park. It was explained that the timeframe for applying for future Grant money by the township is in the fall of 2024. Any potential grants awarded will likely be in 2025 and later; therefore, the efforts to improve Fairhaven park are long term and will likely take a couple of years. The Parks and Recreation Board is working with the Township Elected Officials/Commissioners in an effort to develop a master park improvement plan.
- 3. Kennedy Township Dek Hockey league** representatives were in attendance and indicated their desire to have a regulation dek hockey rink installed which is larger than the one they currently have at Fairhaven Park. It was explained that the regulation size court is required to accommodate an expanded league with older youths and also to host other hockey organizations and tournaments. They have been in discussion with officials regarding a new rink size and also potential additional parking down where the township Salt Storage Building is located.
- 4. Kennedy Township Bocce league** was represented by Tuesday Commissioner Ian Limberg, Wednesday Commissioner John Sciulli, and Thursday Commissioner Kevin DeAngelis along with members from each of the nights. Friday night representation was absent. This meeting was requested since there have been a lot of rumors regarding the bocce courts being relocated. I submitted a letter to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Township Manager indicating our



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Desire for the courts to remain in the current location. I also provided input on potential improvements to the courts to be included in a master plan for park improvements.

Rumors continue of the courts being re-located to the prior horse shoe pit area in the lower level and also next to the Vituccio Pavilion in the upper park area. Bottom line is that there continues to be rumors and no one really knows what is going to happen except those making the decisions which are the Township Commissioners and Treasurer. Hopefully whatever is planned will yield improved bocce courts and facilities and overall park improvements. Until then, nothing is formally known at this time on the final disposition of our Bocce Courts.

Respectfully,

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