

Jackson Township Recreation Commission  
 April 15, 2008  
 6:30 pm – 8:15 pm

Annual Visit and Review of Parks

**Members Present:** Tim Davis, Eric Reitler, Regina Markovich, Dennis Grove, Al George, Karl Smith

**Members Excused:** Al Pagano, John Lythgoe

**Absent:** Walt George

**Minutes:** March 18, 2008 deferred until next meeting

**Leidy Park:**

Review:	Recommendations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence in front – ok</li> <li>• Rocks in lower field</li> <li>• More mulch needed in playground area</li> <li>• Water areas in upper field</li> <li>• Wash out area around drain on back of field outside fence area</li> <li>• Fence crown needed on front fence surrounding playground</li> <li>• Lower field not re-seeded in Fall</li> <li>• Volleyball court area needs revitalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove rocks in lower field</li> <li>• Re-mulch playground area to 8 inches in depth</li> <li>• Install fence crown around front fence surrounding playground</li> <li>• Fill low water areas in upper field with topsoil</li> <li>• Fill area around drain with soil</li> <li>• Volleyball court area: till edges around court area; fill court area with more sand; look at nets and find out what condition they are in and possibly purchase new nets</li> <li>• Installation of a basketball court area</li> <li>• Re-seed lower field</li> </ul>

**Mitchell Park:**

Review:	Recommendations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence crown installation complete</li> <li>• More mulch needed in playground area</li> <li>• Fence on back of hockey court does not lie close to the ground and kids have put logs on back end so hockey puck does not slide through fence outside of court</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-mulch playground area to 8 inches in depth</li> <li>• Recommend age-specific playground equipment for the following age groups: 2-5 yr olds, 5-10 yr olds and 10-13 yr olds</li> <li>• Recommend placing age-specific playgrounds near the new pavilion areas</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic garbage cans are cracked and busted</li> <li>• No goals for hockey court</li> <li>• Concession Stand: Dennis Grove and Al Pagano pressure washed and repainted the inside of the concession stand. Fire extinguisher placed in kitchen as there had not been one in place. Dennis gave an update on the concession stand area and made recommendations for cost-contained upgrades.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixing the fence area on back of the hockey area so the pucks do not slide through</li> <li>• Purchase new goals for hockey</li> <li>• Purchase new garbage cans. Recommend looking into either concrete, metal or wooden containers so that they do not crack or break from the cold weather or other damage. Recommend purchasing at least 12 garbage cans for all three parks. Dennis Grove volunteered to investigate the cost associated with the various types of garbage containers.</li> <li>• Concession Stand: Remove all items from the rafters; Install a ceiling with flame retardant material; Stainless steel hood over the cooking area and vented out through the wall; open window behind large freezer and place an announcement board behind window area; Replace door on the side of the cooking area so that it can be opened out and provide cross-ventilation with the other main door; possibly upgrade electrical panel; roof ventilation</li> <li>• Members suggested checking for used equipment at various places; i.e. stainless hood, doors or perhaps</li> <li>• Dennis Grove and other recreation members volunteered to assist with the upgrades</li> <li>• Suggest Rules for Parks sign</li> <li>• Suggest video surveillance to decrease likelihood of vandalism</li> <li>• Suggest lights for the fields</li> </ul>
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**Veteran's Park:**

Review:	Recommendations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water access project has not yet begun</li><li>• Flags worn</li><li>• Mulching needed around shrubs, grass replanted in some areas;</li><li>• Shuffleboard court and track has not been re-sealed</li><li>• Bench lags loosen</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Karl Smith will be working on the water access project; water access requested on upper and lower ends of park on one on outside of track area on back end.</li><li>• Need new flags that surround the memorial</li><li>• General lawn maintenance: concrete stopper needed repaired; re-mulching around shrubs; grass re-planted in some areas</li><li>• Recommend at least 2 garbage containers</li><li>• Shuffleboard court and track needs sealant applied</li></ul>

**General Discussion:**

- Volunteers are requested to help at the Fishing Derby May 10, 2008.
- Discussed the increase in recreation activities that are currently being conducted in the township and the proposed Mitchell Park expansion project. Positive comments were made related to the increase in recreational activities. Comments were made related to the need to possibly have someone direct the activities and programming. Committee members suggested the possibility of hiring a Recreation Activities Director as the recreational activities continue and increase.

Adjournment: Tim Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dennis Grove seconded; Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted,

Regina Markovich,  
Secretary