

**Tewksbury Township Parks and Forest Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10th, 2016**

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:30PM**

**Attending:**

Charlie Garrett (Chairman, CG)  
Amy Elliott (AE)  
Rob Elliott (RE)  
Norman Diegnan (ND)  
Ed D'Armiento (ED)  
Greg Davidson(GD)

**Absent:**

Hope Kaufman (HK)

**Welcome**

Meeting began with the introduction of a new Parks Committee Member Rob Elliott. Committee welcomed Rob and each member introduced themselves.

**Minutes**

Committee reviewed the minutes from the January 13th, 2015 meeting. January minutes were approved by voice vote.

**Public Participation**

Dawn Pogosaew attended the meeting on behalf of the Tewksbury Women's Club. Dawn is the Garden Chair and is leading the Club's efforts for outdoor activities within town. Dawn presented ideas to the committee for activities with-in the Pascal Park. Two items were discussed. The Women's Club will be sponsoring a lecture by the N.J. Native Plants Society on Invasive Plant Species. Laurel Gould will be the guest speaker and will educate town folk on the different types of invasive plants in Tewksbury. Future plans for the Women's

club include sponsoring a day where volunteers will pull invasive species from Pascal Park. The Committee was supportive and thankful for the efforts Dawn is leading and will facilitate any needs to schedule the events.

## **Committee Discussion**

ND discussed the upcoming plans for Arbor Day on Friday, April 29th. ND has arranged for the delivery of 60 tree saplings to be distributed to the TES students as part of the event. ND has also arranged for a Speaker to present to the students and attendees of the event. There are plans for there to be representation from Town officials and the Committee was asked to attend if available.

Discussion was held on the scheduling of the Movies in the Park for the summer. The following dates were selected. June 11th, July 16th, August 2nd (National Night Out), and August 27th. Committee recommended the 27th as the day for the Drive-in Movie event. Early suggestions for the movies were Minions, Inside out, The Good Dinosaur, American Graffiti and Star Wars. CG was going to follow-up on the availability of the Disney movies as they are generally not available until the end of the summer. Star Wars was thought to be another option for the Drive-in night.

GD indicated that we have plans to have Music prior to the Movies for each night. GD will reach out to the Shana to get the proper advertising in place.

GD suggested we discuss at March's meeting the plans for an Astronomy night in the Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

**Next meeting date is scheduled for March, 9th, 2016**

Submitted by Edward D'Armiento