

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, May 24, 2011

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Karen Lorence, Pat Ianelli, Lynda Lawrence, Joe Stem, and Bridget Sudall; Parks and Recreation Director Karen Franck; Council Liaison Maria Weidinger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011, meeting was made by Joe Stem. This motion was seconded by Pat Ianelli and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

Councilman Vince Gillen was present at the meeting.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for April-2011 was presented and reviewed by the Board. It was noted that pass sales are still stalled. Programs are doing well.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Annual Report Summary

Karen Franck distributed copies of the Annual Report to the Board members. Karen asked that the Board review the report for discussion at the next meeting.

B. Community Center/Community Center Park

1. UV System Grant and Bid

Karen Franck reported that the UV System was sent out for bid. Only one bid was received, and this bid was rejected by Council. The UV System will

be reviewed and sent out for re-bid. Karen Lorence reported her observation that the pool looks cleaner.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. JFK – Sign Installation and Solar Light

Karen Franck reported that the signs have been installed. The solar lights have been ordered, and we are awaiting delivery.

2. PECO Green Region Grant -- EPV

Karen Franck stated that the announcement of a grant has not been made yet. This grant is a 50/50 matching grant.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Park Clean-Ups/Girl Scouts and Birdwalk

Karen Franck reported that there have been several recent park clean-ups at Wetherill Park, including those conducted by Girl Scout troupes and Gretz Beverage. Pictures from the Girl Scout cleanup were shown to the Board.

2. Interpretive Signage Status

Karen Franck noted that the interpretive signage is ready to go into production. Once in production, the signs should be done in 20 working days.

3. Philadelphia Zoo Grant Program

The \$1500 check for this grant was just received by Karen Franck. This grant will be used for a map of Harriet Wetherill Park to be used by visitors. This map will be put on the website, and can be updated yearly/seasonly.

E. Programming

1. Summer Program Registration

Karen reported that camp registration is going well. The number of one-week camps has been increased. Mini-People Camp is still taking registration.

2. Performance Sponsorships/Postcards/Schedule

The postcards listing the Summer performances have been mailed out. Sponsorships have been obtained for about three-quarter of the events.

3. PTD – Planning/Sponsorships

Tee shirts were distributed to the Board members. Councilman Vince Gillen reported that the commitment to raise \$10,000 towards Plymouth Township Day had been met (and exceeded). Karen Franck reported that additional entertainment and inflatables will be provided at the event this year. The maximum of forty-three booths will be set up this year. Karen noted that the new date this year appears to be well-received.

4. LV Fall Program Planning

Karen Franck reported that the Fall Leisure Vision is being worked now. Some fall programs will again be offered at Harriet Wetherill Park.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report

Maria Weidinger noted that National Police Week was observed last week, and that National Public Works week will be observed this week. Chad Robinson was recognized as Police Officer of the Year.

Maria also reported that the July 4 parade planning is going well. Mosquito spraying has been announced. The Environmental Advisory Board has a vacancy.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Kim Penning noted that trash at East Plymouth Valley Park is horrendous, and asked if cleanup can be done as part of community service for underage drinking. Kim would be willing to supervise the cleanup. Karen Frank will check with Rick Carbo on this request.

Karen Lorence inquired as to the status of Victory Park usage between Plymouth Soccer and the Conshohocken Bulldogs lacrosse organization. Karen Frank reported that a meeting with all parties involved had not been scheduled yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Kim Pennington and seconded by Lynda Lawrence.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary