

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, November 22, 2011

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Joe Stem, Lynda Lawrence, Bridget Sudall, and Karen Lorence; Building and Grounds Director Rick Carbo; Council Liaison Maria Weidinger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board members Kim Pennington and Pat Ianelli were not in attendance.

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

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, October 25, 2011, meeting was made by Karen Lorence. This motion was seconded by Lynda Lawrence and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

Ms. Amanda Mclaurin, a resident of Norristown, was present to observe the meeting. Ms. Mclaurin expressed an interest in learning about area parks.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for October-2011 was presented and reviewed by the Board. It was again noted that pass sales are still down.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Camp Reports

Camp Reports on GPCC, Playground, Mini People and Teen Camp were reviewed by the Board members.

B. Community Center/Community Center Park

1. UV System Installation Update

Rick Carbo reported that the Leisure Pool and Lap Pool are both done and are up and running. The Whirlpool should be up and running by tomorrow. Rick reported that a reduction in chlorine use has already been noticed. It was also stated that the UV System should improve air quality in the pool area.

2. Facility and Program Directions

a. Fitness Expansion Status

Rick reported that this project is currently out to bid. Approximately 15 bid packages were distributed. Bids are due back by December 9, 2011. When completed, this project will almost double the size of the current Fitness Center.

b. Review of Survey Results

The survey results had been reviewed in detail with the Board members at the October meeting.

3. Monthly Pass Adjustment

It was noted that the 3-month pass is no longer being offered. There will be a new lower price for the 1-month pass. The 10-visit pass is still being offered.

4. November Promotion

A special promotion offering a 13 month membership for the price of 12 months was sold during the Women's Conference held at the Community Center.

5. December 24 and December 30 – Half Price Swim

Rick Carbo reported that half-price swim sessions will be offered on December 24 and December 30. It is hoped that these events will be attended by children off from school.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. PECO Green Region Grant -- EPV

Rick reported that he will be meeting to discuss the ultrasonic unit that will aerate water plus kill algae in the pond at East Plymouth Valley Park.

2. Youth Sports Summit – October 26, 2011

Rick reported that this meeting with the football and baseball organizations discussed the use of East Plymouth Valley Park. Rick noted that the meeting went very well. Both groups agreed on work to be done on Field 1, the football field, and the PECO practice field. The organizations maintain the fields at East Plymouth Valley park and are working well together in these efforts.

3. Bed Maintenance

Rick Carbo explained that the conditions of the flower beds was due to his staff needing to spend time on other field maintenance over the Summer. Additionally, there were no temporary employees hired this Summer due to the economy.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Interactive Map -- Philadelphia Zoo Grant Program

Rick reported that this project is still being worked.

2. Conservation and Management Study

Rick reported that the study for Harriet Wetherill Park is due this week. The next step will be to determine who to interview.

E. Programming

1. Winter/Spring Program Planning

The winter/spring program planning is being worked.

2. Pool Special Events

Special events in the pool that were held recently included Pool-O-Ween and Scary Pool.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report

Maria Weidinger reported that the final budget meeting was held last night, and that the budget had been approved. Maria also reported that Council had voted against the proposed construction of a five-story mid-rise apartment complex consisting of 394 apartments in the township. An additional plan for construction of a hotel near the Metroplex is awaiting discussion by Council.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

The Board is interested in Maria Weidinger continuing as Council Liaison for 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Lynda Lawrence and seconded by Karen Lorence.

There is no Board meeting in December. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosemary Winterbottom*

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary