

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, October 25, 2011

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Pat Ianelli, Lynda Lawrence, Karen Lorence, and Bridget Sudall; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; Council Liaison Maria Weidinger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board member Joe Stem was not in attendance.

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

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 27, 2011, meeting was made by Lynda Lawrence. This motion was seconded by Pat Ianelli and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors present.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for September-2011 was presented and reviewed by the Board. Phil Brady noted that the pricing structure for passes will be changing. Additionally, 13 month passes for the price of a 12-month pass will be sold at the Health Fair being held on November 12, 2011, at the Community Center.

The Board members were shown pictures of the park cleanup at Harriet Wetherill Park, the donation benches, and the UV equipment.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Department Budget

Phil Brady reported that the budget was discussed at a meeting last night.

B. Community Center/Community Center Park

1. UV System Addition and Installation

Phil Brady reported that the Leisure Pool is done. The system has not been turned on in the Lap Pool yet, but should be done shortly. The Whirlpool has been added to this project as a result of a reduction in cost.

2. Facility and Program Directions

a. Fitness Expansion Status

The plans have been received back from the architect. The plans are now submitted to the township engineer for review.

b. Review of Survey Results

Phil went over the survey results in detail for the Board members. The survey results indicate that more elliptical and treadmill machines are being requested, as well as rowing machines and dumbbells.

3. Monthly Pass Adjustment

Phil noted that the 3-month pass will no longer be offered. There will be a new lower price for the 1-month pass.

4. 2011 Rental rates

Phil noted that rental rates are raised every two years. There will be an additional discount for groups that rent for more than four weeks.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. PECO Green Region Grant -- EPV

Phil reported that Karen Franck and Rick Carbo will work to get most of this work done during the Winter. It is hoped that the project can be completed by Spring.

2. Youth Sports Summit – October 26, 2011

Phil noted that only the Plymouth Little League and PW Spartans organizations have been invited to this meeting, which will discuss usage of East Plymouth Valley Park. Bill English, Joe Stem, and Kim Pennington will attend from the Board. Vince Gillen and Shelly Simpson are expected to attend from Council.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Interactive Map -- Philadelphia Zoo Grant Program

Phil Brady reported that this project is expected to be done by December-2011.

2. Recognition/Tribute Ideas for Mr. Wetherill

The Board had previously decided to explore various options for this recognition/tribute. The possibility of naming the stream in the Harriet Wetherill Park after Mr. Wetherill was suggested.

3. Conservation and Management Study

Phil reported that the RFP is out, and consultants will be in the first week of November. It is hoped that this project could get started in February-2012.

E. Programming

1. New Fall Special Events -- Aquatics

Phil noted that Pool-O-Ween and Scary Pool-O-Ween will again be held this year. New aquatic events include the Beach Party scheduled for 11/11/11 and the Swim and Give scheduled for 12/16/11.

2. Winter/Spring Program Planning

Phil reported the Leisure Vision will include new activities scheduled for Harriet Wetherill Park. Phil noted there will be more pre-school programs and more programs scheduled for Saturdays.

3. Fireworks – Plymouth Township Day

Phil Brady reported that a meeting was held with Andy Mount and the fireworks company. It is felt that a fireworks display could be done safely. Most likely a sponsor would be needed if this is finally approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report

Maria Weidinger reported that two issues which generated much discussion included a proposed ordinance banning parking on lawns and a document which was circulated discussing a new apartment complex in the township and contained Council members names and phone numbers. Maria also reported that most states are out of funds for Going Greener.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Karen Lorence again brought up the subject of the cleanup of weeds at the Community Center Park. Phil suggested that this subject be brought up at the November Board meeting, which will be attended by Rick Carbo. Bill English suggested calling Joanna Rizzuto or Rick Carbo to inquire as to the availability of community service workers for this effort.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosemary Winterbottom*

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary