

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, September 27, 2011

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Pat Ianelli, Joe Stem, Karen Lorence, and Bridget Sudall; Parks and Recreation Director Karen Franck; Council Liaison Maria Weidinger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board members Lynda Lawrence and Kim Pennington were not in attendance.

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

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011, AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011, meeting was made by Karen Lorence. This motion was seconded by Bridget Sudall and approved. Bill English did not vote since he was not present at the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2011, meeting was made by Joe Stem. This motion was seconded by Pat Ianelli and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors present for the meeting.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for August-2011 was presented and reviewed by the Board. Pictures from the Jump Start Pre-School Program, Boy Scouts cleaning out the pond, and progress of floor replacement during Shut Down Week were shown to the Board members.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Department Budget

Karen Franck reported that the budget has been completed. Some new programming was added into the budget. Some special events in the pool were

added, including a Beach Party and Holiday Swim and Give. The Jump Start Pre-School Program, which was new, will be continuing. Some sports conditioning programs have also been added. The number of day trips has been reduced to three trips.

B. Community Center/Community Center Park

1. UV System Award/Installation

Karen Franck reported that the UV System has been installed in the Leisure Pool and has been partly installed in the Lap Pool.

2. Shutdown Week

Karen Franck reported that Shut Down Week went well. The new flooring that was installed looks good. Professional cleaners were utilized for the locker rooms. Some of the pool area was painted (grey paint) and the results were noticeable. Karen noted that there was less staff to do the work this year as a result of the loss of two full-time staff members.

3. Facility and Program Directions

a. Fitness Expansion

Karen Franck noted that Council had approved the Fitness Center Expansion. Plans will be created and the project will then go out to bid. The expansion will probably not begin until late Spring-2012. It is estimated that the project might take three months. Karen would like the project to be done by the beginning of June-2012.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. PECO Green Region Grant – EPV

Karen Franck noted that there was nothing new to report on this grant for the aeration system for the pond at East Plymouth Valley Park.

2. Youth Sports Summit

The Youth Sports Summit has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Phil Brady will be sending out information concerning this meeting.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Interactive Map -- Philadelphia Zoo Grant

Karen reported that a base map is currently being worked on. This base map will then be made interactive. It is hoped that this project can be done by the end of this year.

2. Recognition/Tribute Ideas for Mr. Wetherill

Several ideas for a recognition/tribute to Mr. Wetherill were discussed, including a portrait or picture, a statue, or naming the pavilion after him. The Board wants to explore options.

3. Conservation and Management Study

Karen Franck reported that DCNR approved the Scope of Study. Karen needs to provide the consultant qualifications, etc., and the project can then go out to bid.

E. Programming

1. New Fall Special Events

Karen Franck is looking for volunteers for some of the new activities, including the Beach Party, as well as Pool-O-Ween, Mystery Madness, and hayrides at Harriet Wetherill Park. The Board members will be sent an e-mail letting them know which events could use some volunteers.

2. Winter/Spring Program Planning

Karen is in the process of working Winter and Spring programming. Karen is hoping to add some additional pool programs and special events.

3. Summer Performance Report

The Summer Performance Report was provided to the Board members. It was noted that most performances did well, and that the success of most performances is dependent on weather. Karen plans to do similar events next year.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report

Maria Weidinger reported on several topics including the awarding of the Go Green Award to REI, the special plaques given to all emergency teams for their work during Hurricane Irene and recent flooding, the receipt of the Waste Watchers Award for the most recycling in the county (award received for the third year in a row), traffic analysis of Sandy Hill and Belvoir Roads as well as the jug handle at Ridge Pike and Alan Wood Roads, and the Historical Architectural Review Board is looking to put together guidelines.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Karen Lorence suggested that the cleanup of weeds at the Community Center Park be included as part of the park cleanup schedule.

Maria Weidinger reported she has some Butterfly bushes she can donate.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Karen Lorence and seconded by Pat Ianelli.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosemary Winterbottom*

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary