

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, July 24, 2012

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Pat Ianelli, Bridget Sudall, Lynda Lawrence, and Karen Lorence; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; 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, MAY 22, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2012, meeting was made by Karen Lorence. This motion was seconded by Bridget Sudall and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors present at the meeting.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly reports for May-2012 and June-2012 were reviewed. Phil Brady showed the Board members recent photos which included the Fitness Center expansion, the Science Explorers Camp, Camp GPCC, and Plymouth Township Day.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. August Park Board Meeting – HWP?

Phil Brady suggested that the Board might want to consider holding the August-2012 meeting at Harriet Wetherill Park, and the Board members agreed with that suggestion. An e-mail providing directions and parking will be sent to the Board members.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Fitness Expansion – Progress, Opening

2. Fitness Equipment

Phil Brady reported that the Fitness Center will be closed on Thursday, July 26, so that the equipment can be moved. The Fitness Center will re-open at 5:30 AM on Friday, July 27.

The "grand re-opening" is scheduled for Saturday, November, 10, 2012.

3. Service and Devotion Memorial

Phil Brady reported that plans for this memorial are still being worked by George Gunning.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. PECO Green Region Grant – EPV

Phil Brady reported that the signs have been installed at East Plymouth Valley Park. Rick Carbo is ordering trash cans and benches.

2. EPV – Paving and Practice Field Improvements

The football field is being watered by the PW Spartans Football and Cheerleading organization personnel. The paving should be done within the next few weeks. Improvements to the practice field are still being worked.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Conservation and Management Study

- a. Timeline, Study Committee Meeting
- b. Site Assessments and Inventory

Phil Brady reported that the Study Committee held its first meeting on June 25, 2012. Board members Bill English and Linda Lawrence were in attendance. The next meeting of the Study Committee is scheduled for September 11, 2012. The first public meeting will be scheduled for the September/October time frame.

The site assessment and inventory has been completed by a member of the consultant's team. This inventory consisted of a listing of all trees on the property as well as a listing of buildings.

2. HWP Programming

a. DEP Grant – Environmental Education Seminars

Phil Brady reported that a grant had been received to provide some educational seminars. One seminar is planned for August-2012, and another seminar is planned for September-2012. Response to interest in these seminars has been minimal so far.

E. Programming

1. Plymouth Township Day – Report

The report on Plymouth Township Day will be provided for the August Board meeting. Phil Brady reported that this was one of the best years for this event, if not the best. The concert may not be part of this event for next year due to low attendance.

2. Fall Programming

The Fall Leisure Visions brochure is almost ready. A new swim event is planned which will enable participants to be advised as to which swim lessons they should attend. The Fall weekend events at Harriet Wetherill Park are being re-designed.

3. Health Fair and Promotion

The Health Fair normally supported by Montgomery Hospital is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2012. The "Grand Opening" of the Fitness Center is also being scheduled for this same day. The events will include inflatables in the pool, special events, and a 10% discount on yearly passes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report – Bill English for Maria Weidinger

Bill English provided Maria's report in her absence. Items included the approval of the police contract; installation of new stop signs; the continuation of mosquito control spraying; a survey for change in trash pickup from twice weekly to one day per week; and PennDot turning over Fairfield Road, Lucetta Street, and Diamond Avenue to Plymouth Township.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Phil Brady reported that Karen Franck had asked him to advise the Board that Council is considering the Board's motion recommending that the request from Colonial Soccer for \$2500 funding to initiate their TOPS Tournament (The Outreach Program Soccer) be approved.

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, August 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary