

## Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

### Minutes of Tuesday, September 25, 2012

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, at The Plymouth Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Pat Ianelli, and Joe Stem; Recreation Director Karen Franck; Council Member Maria Weidinger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board Members Bridget Sudall, Lynda Lawrence, and Karen Lorence were not in attendance.

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

#### 1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012, meeting was made by Kim Pennington. This motion was seconded by Pat Ianelli and unanimously approved.

#### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors at the meeting.

#### 3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for August-2012 was reviewed. Karen Franck noted that the summer totals are not included in the report. Attendance at swim classes was down during the summer. The additional weekly camps that were scheduled this summer for the first week before regular camp sessions (referred to as Week 0) and the week immediately following regular camp sessions (referred to as Week 9) did very well.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. General Department

No items were discussed.

##### B. Community Center/CC Park

##### 1. Fitness Expansion News

Karen Franck reported that the Fitness Center expansion punch list was

being worked today. Karen is awaiting some final invoices; however, the project is expected to come in at approximately \$100,000 under budget.

#### C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

##### 1. EPV Paving

Karen Franck reported that the paving in the front of East Plymouth Valley Park has been completed. A question was raised concerning whether the speed bump will be reinstalled. Karen will check into this matter.

##### 2. EPV Playground

Karen Franck reported that the East Plymouth Valley Park playground will be renovated next. Rick Carbo has already ordered most items. The additional construction of a walkway from Jolly Road to the playground is planned to be completed before the winter

#### D. Wetherill Park

##### 1. Conservation and Management Study

###### a. Meeting Report

Bill English reported on the recent committee meeting. Several ideas for use of the existing buildings were presented and discussed by the group. The Board members discussed the idea of presenting some courses that would meet state environmental education requirements, as well as some courses for special needs individuals. Karen Franck showed the Board a map of the site and noted the various locations on the property. Karen noted that the trail on the property may be expanded. Karen will send the Board members information from the meeting

##### 2. HWP Programming

###### a. Forest to Farm to Table – DEP Workshop 9/15/12

Karen Franck reported that the “Forest to Farm to Table” workshop was held as scheduled on September 15, 2012. The workshop was a partnership with the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education. There were approximately 15 participants and the workshop went well.

###### b. HWP Cleanup – October 6, 2012

Karen Franck reminded the Board members that the Harriet Wetherill Park

Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2012. Bill English suggested the Plymouth Soccer Organization might be interested in participating in this event as part of their community service initiative.

#### E. Programming

##### 1. September and October Promotions

Karen Franck reported that the one-week trial access to the Fitness Center offered during September has gone very well. As of today, 271 people participated in this promotion.

The promotion during October will enable a current pass holder who refers a friend who then purchases an annual pass to get an additional month added to current pass holder's pass.

##### 2. Health Fair and Promotional Day Agenda

The Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2012. A ribbon-cutting for the "Grand Opening" of the expanded Fitness Center is scheduled for 10 AM on November 10; entertainment is scheduled for the afternoon. New annual passes or renewals on November 10 will receive a 10% discount.

##### 3. Winter/Spring Programming

Karen Franck reported that the Winter and Spring programming is now being worked. Changes are planned for some programs.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Council Liaison Report – Maria Weidinger

Maria Weidinger reported on topics recently discussed by Council as follows:

- 1) a vote on the proposed hotel on Chemical Road adjacent to Ridge Park School is expected to take place during October;
- 2) right-of-way issues over the expansion of the intersection of Belvoir and Sandy Hill Roads is now going to court;
- 3) the proposed Bee Ordinance is still being worked;
- 4) plans are still being worked for a 398 unit apartment building at the intersection of Plymouth Road and Butler Pike;

5) a hearing for Plymouth Square signage (an electronic sign) is scheduled to take place in October; and

6) budget meetings are scheduled for October 15, October 22, and November 19.

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS

Kim Pennington again suggested having a Big Band Night for seniors. Maria Weidinger suggested that an inter-generational dance might be very successful.

Bill English noted that Plymouth Whitemarsh High School is seeking volunteers for several new advisory committees, and that Board members should contact Dave Sherman at the high school if they are interested.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Kim Pennington and seconded by Pat Ianelli. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Rosemary Winterbottom*  
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary