

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, October 23, 2012

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Joe Stem, Lynda Lawrence, Karen Lorence, Bridget Sudall; Parks and Recreation Director Karen Franck; and Council Liaison Maria Weidinger. Board member Pat Ianelli was not in attendance.

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

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 25, 2012, meeting was made by Kim Pennington. This motion was seconded by Joe Stem 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-2012 was presented and reviewed by the Board. It was noted that the one-month passes are doing well and that the downward trend stopped since the Fitness Center renovations.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Annual Report

Karen Franck noted that the report was not ready due to copier problem. Karen noted that 2011 was a good year. Passes and Programming are doing well.

2. Youth Sports Summit

Karen Franck reported that the Youth Sports Summit will be held in February, 2013. Phil Brady will set it up. Kim Pennington and Lynda Lawrence are interested.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Free Trial Week

Karen Franck reported that 390 people participated in the free trial week. 12% purchased passes, mostly monthly passes.

2. Trail to Jolly Road

Karen Franck reported that many people are using this trail.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. EPV Playground

Karen Franck reported that the slides and older equipment at EPV will be replaced. This is the final project for this year. Rick Carbo is in charge of this project and it should be completed before winter.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Conservation and Management Report

The minutes from the Steering Committee Meetings of June 28, 2012 and September 11, 2012 were distributed to the Board.

- A. Karen Franck noted that a tentative meeting date has been set for December 4, 2012
- B. Karen Franck noted that a public meeting may be combined with the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting. If timing allows, the Board voted to combine the meeting with a Parks and Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board Meeting.
- C. Karen Franck also noted that an application for a reduced cost ANCA Study is being submitted. ANCA educates on how to start environmental programs. The study provides Plymouth Township with resources on programs, park management and how the budget works.
- D. Glynwood Center was suggested by Karen Lorence as a resource to google since they come in and help resolve issues and gives ideas to projects.

2. HWP Programming

Maria Weidinger reported that 15 people volunteered at the October 6th Park Clean-up. Weeds were pulled and the area was swept to expose bushes for butterflies. A lot was accomplished in two hours. Kim Pennington asked about providing water source to Butterfly Garden for ease of watering plants.

Karen Franck reported that 163 people went on a hayride this weekend. Also, Gary the farmer, also offered hayrides that seemed to conflict with Township offerings.

E. Programming

1. October Promotion

Karen Franck reported that this promotion is not going over well. Member gets free month when a friend signs up for pass. Bridget Sudell suggest member and new member (friend) get free month.

Kim suggested "Big Band" concert and dance. Several people have expressed interest.

Bill English suggested an Art Show at the GPCC

Maria Suggested photography contest, maybe combined with Art Show "Creative Arts Festival".

2. Health Fair in cooperation with Einstein Montgomery Medical Center will be held November 10, 2012. In addition, we will hold the ribbon cutting and 10 % off passes promotional day.

3. Winter programs will be out the week before Thanksgiving.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report – Maria Weidinger

1. Ridge Park Elementary was honored for receiving Blue Ribbon Status. Three staff members were honored at council meeting for BMI Program. Ed Bauso, Mary Ann Bevan and Phil Brady.

2. Plymouth Square signage hearing for the sign on Ridge Pike.

3. The Driscoll property is on hold for now.

4. Two Budget Meetings. Two groups Public Hearing, Nov. 19

5. Pension Funds for Police and Employees

6. Tax settlement made with Romano

7. Residents on Sandy Hill Road are having problem selling homes because they don't have public sewage. Residents will pay for sewer and would like Township to pay for extensions to homes. No money to help with grants.
8. Sandy and Belvoir widening being challenged. People don't want to give up land. Waiting to hear outcome.
9. BRT apartments at Plymouth and Butler moving forward.
10. Chemical Road hotel settlement. Public vote wasn't taken. Issue went to court. No Judgment yet.
11. Several Fundraisers are taking place for Officer Fox. Nick has recovered from injury and is retired. He was donated to Plymouth by Homeland Security. Council has requested to have him released from duty.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Karen Lorence and seconded by Joe Stem. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Lawrence

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