

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, April 22, 2014

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Pat Ianelli, Barbara Thompson, Bridget Sudall, and Lynda Lawrence; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; Council Member Lenore Bruno; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board member Joe Stem was not in attendance.

Chairman Bill English called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PW Ice Hockey

Mr. Bob Moyer was present to represent the PW Ice Hockey Club.

Mr. Moyer stated that the organization has had a good year. The organization was able to sponsor both a Varsity team and a JV team this year. Several games needed to be cancelled due to inclement weather this past Winter.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Moyer stated that players must provide their own equipment.

Expenses for the organization include referee fees, which are \$120 for Varsity games and \$100 for JV games. US Hockey provides a rider for their insurance.

In response to a question as to needs of the organization, Mr. Moyer noted that a rink for their use would be great.

The Board thanked Mr. Moyer for his attendance and presentation.

Plymouth Junior ABA

Mr. Bob Himmelreich was present to represent the Plymouth Junior ABA organization.

Mr. Himmelreich stated that this past season has been their busiest season ever, with the organization sponsoring 46 teams of players aged 5-15 years old. Electronic registration was used for the first time this year, and this resulted in the registration of 100 more participants over last year.

The availability of gym time remains a concern, and the lack of gym time may cause the organization to limit the number of participants in the future. Kim Pennington suggested that Plymouth residents be given first preference for participation in the organization should this limitation occur.

Mr. Himmelreich also voiced his concern for future volunteers to leadership positions in the organization, and expressed his hope that new members will volunteer for these positions.

The Board thanked Mr. Himmelreich for his attendance and presentation.

### Greater Norristown Wrestling

Mr. Jason Sugalski was present to represent the Greater Norristown Wrestling organization.

Mr. Sugalski stated that the organization had a good year, with 50 participants in the program. The organization uses either the Colonial Elementary School gym or the Colonial Middle School gym for their home meets.

The organization has a good relationship with the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School wrestling team coach, and many of the high school team members attended the organization's tournament. Presently, there are no sponsors for the tournament; however, the organization is considering this option for the future.

In response to a comment from the Board concerning mats used by the group, Mr. Sugalski stated that mats are constantly cleaned and disinfected.

The Board thanked Mr. Sugalski for his attendance and presentation.

#### 1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014, meeting was made by Pat Ianelli. This motion was seconded by Barbara Thompson and unanimously approved.

#### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no additional guests or visitors present.

### 3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for March-2014 was reviewed. Phil Brady noted that the sales of passes during the 10% off promotion on March 22 were included in the report.

Phil showed the Board photos from recent events which included Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Civic Green Athletes swimming event, Fishing Derby, and Silver Sneakers Social.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. General Department

Phil Brady reported that on-line renewals of Community Center memberships will begin shortly.

#### B. Community Center/CC Park

##### 1. GPCC 14 – 10% Off Recap

Phil Brady provided a recap of the 10% off sales day held on March 22 to commemorate the 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Community Center. Total sales were \$116,330 on this date. This reflected 451 total memberships sold, including 112 new annual passes and 245 renewed passes

Phil reported that additional promotions are planned each month for the remainder of the year.

#### C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

##### 1. JFK Park

Phil Brady reported on groups that do not have permits playing soccer at JFK Park. Soccer goals that had been left at JFK Park have now all been removed. Police will patrol the area to deter any unpermitted use of the park.

#### D. Wetherill Park

##### 1. CFA Act 13 Project Underway

Phil Brady reported that the engineers are working on plans for the driveway. Bids will be solicited for demolition of buildings at the site.

2. Conservation Easement Agreement

Phil reported that the agreement is now being reviewed by the Solicitor and Engineer.

3. DCNR Grant Submission

Phil reported that this grant was submitted on April 14, 2014.

4. CFA 2014 Submission

Phil reported that this grant submission is due in July-2014. This grant only requires a 15% match of funds by the township.

E. Programming

1. Summer Camps Registration Update

Phil Brady reported that registration is going well. The teen camp is now completely full.

2. Activity Days

Phil reported that activity days were held last week. Attendance was good and all programs went well.

3. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

Phil did not have an update on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

4. PTD Volunteers

Phil Brady reported that Plymouth Township Day will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014. A sign-up sheet was distributed for Board members to volunteer to work events that day. A Board member is needed to judge the cookie and cupcake contests.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report – Lenore Bruno (for Dean Eisenberger)

Lenore Bruno, who was attending the meeting for Dean Eisenberger, reported that the zoning had been changed on the area of Chemical Road adjacent to the Storage Facility.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Lynda Lawrence and seconded by Bridget Sudall.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Rosemary Winterbottom*  
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary