

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, May 27, 2014

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were members Bill English, Bridget Sudall, Barbara Thompson, Kim Pennington, Council Liaison, Dean Eisenberger and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Phil Brady; Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom and Board members, Joe Stem, Pat Ianelli and Lynda Lawrence were not in attendance.

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

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2014, meeting was made by Kim Pennington. This motion was seconded by Barbara Thompson 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 April-2014 was reviewed. Bill English noted that the GPCC is holding its own and asked if winter had any impact. Phil Brady reported that this month's promotion is One Trial Week Free. A Summer Fitness Challenge is being planned; every time someone comes into the fitness center, they are given points.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. CSD update

Phil reported that he met with Terry Yemm. The new proposed fee is only a \$7.00 increase per hour. Wrestling signed off. We are still waiting to hear from ABA.

Phil noted that CSD is more reciprocal with Plymouth than Whitemarsh.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Energy Management System Upgrade

Phil reported that the Energy Management System has been installed.

2. Aetna Silver and Fit

Contract is ready to sign.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. JFK Park fence and netting

Councilman Dean Eisenberger reported that work is being done to netting and fencing to accommodate neighbors.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Active Grants Submission and History

Phil noted CFA 2013 – working on DCNR

Kim Pennington made a Motion to support the trail along Chemical Road. Barb Thompson seconded the Motion. A Motion to support a DCED grant for a trail along Chemical Road was made. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

We would also like to apply for a CFA grant for Wetherill Park, similar to what was received last year. The grant match is now 85% funding and 15% match required. Therefore, the Township will request \$250,000 and our match will be \$37,500.

The Township is also looking to apply for a PennDOT Multi-modal grant to improve and install sidewalks in sections of Germantown Pike. We are able to apply for up to \$3,000,000 with 70% of the funding from PennDOT and the Township match of 30%. The project funding may be in the vicinity \$1,700,000 to \$2,000,000 for the project.

2. Conservation Easement and Surveys

Phil reported that a meeting with Steve Kuter from National Lands Trust regarding Harriet Wetherill Park was held.

D. Programming

1. Summer Camps and Registrations

Phil reported that registration is going well and the GPCC camp is almost full. Teen Camp is full.

2. Plymouth Township Day

Phil reported that Plymouth Township Day will be held on May 31st. The Cupcake contest was canceled due to lack of participation. Wristbands are on sale at the GPCC front desk.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. MISCELLANEOUS

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Kim Pennington and seconded by Barb Thompson.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Pennington