

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, July 22, 2014

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Pat Ianelli, Barbara Thompson, Bridget Sudall, Lynda Lawrence, and Joe Stem; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom.

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

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014, meeting was made by Lynda Lawrence. This motion was seconded by Pat Ianelli and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no additional guests or visitors present.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly reports for May-2014 and June-2014 were reviewed. Phil Brady reported that the monthly promotions at the Community Center have done well. It was noted that the July 4 parade did not take place this year.

Phil showed the Board photos from recent events, which included a Silver Sneakers Social at the Community Center Pavillion, a movie at the park, the Mango Men Concert, and the installation of the new Pool Pak on the roof.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. New Sign – Walton Road

Phil Brady reported that the new electronic sign has been installed on Walton Road and is operational. A wire still needs to be run to the sign so that the sign can be controlled.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Promotions – July, August, September

Phil Brady reported that the monthly promotions at the Community Center have gone well. The promotion planned for September is a free trial week; the promotion for November is 10% off memberships.

2. Energy Management System – Update

Phil reported that the work on the energy management system has been completed. This system enables a better control over the temperature in the rooms.

3. Pool Pak Installation – Update

The new Pool Pak system has been placed on the roof. After this new system is fully connected, the old Pool Pak system will be removed from the roof. There is a 5-year warranty on the new system.

4. Silver and Fit

Phil stated that all contracts have been signed for Silver and Fit. Silver and Fit is the Aetna insurance version of Silver Sneakers.

5. Shutdown Week

Shutdown Week will again be the last week in August-2014. Phil stated that new lockers will be installed in both the Men's and Women's Locker Rooms, with additional large (long) lockers being installed. Additional mirrors will also be placed in the Women's Locker Room.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. JFK Park Fence and Netting

Phil Brady reported that the fence has been installed at JFK Park. The netting is scheduled for installation this week.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Active Grants Submissions and History
 - a. Penn Dot and DCNR Grants Submitted
 - b. CFA 2014 to be Submitted

Phil Brady provided the Board members with a listing of all grants applied for and received, dating back to 1981.

The Penn Dot and DCNR grants have been submitted. It is expected that the awarding of these grants will be announced in the Fall.

2. Current Park Activity

Phil stated that the house on the property is being torn down. The bid for the work on the bridge, roadway, and trails will go out in the Fall, and will be the next work done on the property.

The Butterfly Garden is looking good, and is being tended by a core group of (6) people.

E. Programming

1. Summer Camps and Concerts

Phil Brady reported that the summer camps are doing well, and that registration has been steady. The Teen Camp is also doing well, and the paintball sessions every other week have been very popular. The playgrounds are doing well. Concert attendance has been good.

2. Fall Programs

The Leisure Vision will be sent out in early August. Some swimming lessons are being modified.

3. Plymouth Township Day Report

Phil reported that Plymouth Township Day was a great year – “one of the best ever.” The crowds were tremendous. Sales of wrist bands through the internet (credit card sales) went well.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Kim Pennington requested donations of old clothing for use in Scarecrow Making scheduled for October 17-19, 2014.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Kim Pennington reported that there had been drinking of alcoholic beverages by adults at a youth sports game at East Plymouth Valley Park, with the belief by these adults that this was permitted. Phil Brady will check on the signage at the park to see what it says about use of alcoholic beverages in the park.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Kim Pennington and seconded by Joe Stem.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary