

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, August 26, 2014

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Pat Ianelli, Lynda Lawrence, and Joe Stem; Parks and Recreation Karen Franck; Council Member Dean Eisenberger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board members Barbara Thompson and Bridget Sudall were not in attendance.

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

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 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 report for July-2014 was reviewed. Karen Franck reported that pass sales are doing better. Aerobic exercise attendance is also going up.

Karen showed the Board photos from recent events, which included a youth basketball league game, summer camp, the "Frozen" movie night audience, and the new lockers to be installed in the locker room during shutdown week.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Walton Road Sign

Karen Franck reported that the new electronic sign has been installed, but the wiring to make the sign operational still needs to be connected.

## B. Community Center/CC Park

### 1. Promotions – August, September, October

Karen Franck reported that the monthly promotions at the Community Center are going very well. The promotion planned for September is a free trial week.

### 2. Energy Management System – Update

Karen reported that the energy management system has been installed and is working very well. Final adjustments still need to be completed.

### 3. Pool Pak Installation – Update

One of the two pool paks is installed and running. It is expected that the second pool pak will be installed by the end of September. The pool pak system will then be hooked into the energy management system.

### 4. Silver and Fit

Karen Franck reported that Silver and Fit is now available. This is the Aetna insurance version of Silver Sneakers. Karen hopes to see a larger influx of participants at the end of the year during the time frame when individuals are able to switch plans.

### 5. Shutdown Week

Shutdown Week will again be the last week in August-2014. Karen noted that the lockers are being replaced, the basketball court is being recoated, carpeting is being installed in offices, and the bleachers in the pool are being worked on.

### 6. Small Group Training Focus Additions

Karen reported that some additional small group training classes have been added. A spin bikes program and TRX suspension training classes are planned to be added in January. Additionally, some free classes are scheduled for the first week in January.

## C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

### 1. JFK Park Fence and Netting

Council Member Dean Eisenberger updated the Board on recent meetings held with residents concerning JFK Park. Dean noted that Council has funded improvements and installed additional fencing at this park over the past few years. New signage for non-English speaking users of the park has also been funded. An ordinance change will be made to address park usage.

## 2. Signs at East Plymouth Valley Park

Karen Franck reported that the current signs at East Plymouth Valley Park prohibit use of alcoholic beverages in the park. Letters were sent to Plymouth Little League reminding them of this. Dean Eisenberger noted that the group will come before Plymouth Council in October and park regulations will be discussed at that time. Kim Pennington suggested the addition of another sign at the rear entrance of the park. Pat Ianelli suggested that park regulations be posted on CITV.

## D. Wetherill Park

1. Active Grants Submissions: Penn Dot, DCNR, CFA
2. Current Park Activity/Grand and Bid

Karen Franck reported that she does not expect to hear of any awarding of Penn Dot, DCNR, or CFA grants until November. Karen noted that there is a "bonus round" of grants from PECO. This would be a \$10,000 grant, with no match required. This grant is geared towards connecting children to nature. Karen would like to provide some signage for children.

Karen reported that some camps have been held at Harriet Wetherill Park this summer. Additional events at the park are scheduled for the Fall. Karen is getting the grant submission ready for the entranceway and trails.

## E. Programming

1. Fall Programs

Karen Franck reported that the Flea Market will be held again this year on Saturday, September 13. Pool-O-Ween will also be held again on Friday, October 24, and Flick & Float – Featuring The Lego Movie will be held on Friday, November 7. The first annual Poolar Plunge is scheduled for Saturday, November 8.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report – Dean Eisenberger

Council Member Dean Eisenberger reported on topics as follows:

- 1) Meetings were held with both House Representative Matt Bradford and House Representative Mary Jo Daley to discuss current issues and projects in Plymouth Township. Plymouth Township will be affected by new House of Representatives redistricting on 1/2/15, when House Representative Kate Harper's district will change.
- 2) Council is considering any adjacent properties that might increase current park sizes.
- 3) Cross-walks are being placed on Germantown Pike as part of the Cross County Trail project.
- 4) A three-unit strip mall is proposed for the former Houlihan's Restaurant location.
- 5) The widening of some portions of Ridge Pike to four lanes as part of the Lafayette Street Project is scheduled to begin in 2015.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

No items were discussed.

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, September 23, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Rosemary Winterbottom*  
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary