

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, November 24, 2015

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Pat Iannelli, Barbara Thompson, and Neil Clark; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; Council Member Dean Eisenberger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board members Kim Pennington and Patty Trask were not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bill English.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

A motion to approve the October 27, 2015, minutes was made by Barbara Thompson. This motion was seconded by Pat Iannelli 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 October-2015 was reviewed. A Summer Camp report was also provided to the Board members for their review.

Phil Brady showed the Board members photos from the pre-school trick or treat, Poolar Plunge, Cardboard Boat Regatta, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Princess Party and pumpkin decorating.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. PECO Grant

a. Coordination Meeting – 18 Month Completion

Dean Eisenberger explained the proposed completed path of the Cross County Trail (which currently ends at Chemical Road) through Plymouth Township. The planned bridge needed to cross over Germantown Pike will be going out to bid soon. The grant received

from PECO will extend the Cross County Trail to the Plymouth Meeting Mall. The feasibility plan is being worked on now. The project is to be completed in 18 months.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. October 24 -- 10% Special Results

Phil explained that 10% off memberships on October 24, combined with the 10% off memberships in March, brought in about \$60,000. This was approximately the same amount as last year.

2. Sidewalk Grant

Phil reported that PennDOT had given approval to proceed with the design for this sidewalk which is to be installed along Germantown Pike to connect to the Community Center.

3. Pool and Atrium Lighting

Phil Brady reported that some lights were installed in the pool area over the weekend. These new lights are expected to last 10 years before needing to be replaced. The next area in which new lighting is to be installed is the atrium (Lobby) area.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. Court Resurfacing – JFK and Colwell

Phil Brady reported that the resurfacing of the multi-purpose courts at JFK Park and Colwell Park has been completed. JFK is also to be striped for pickle ball.

2. Youth Sports Sheds

The storage sheds for the basketball and wrestling organizations have been received. The locks are now being worked on and keyed.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Current Act 13 Grant Update

a. Final Submission and Audit

Phil Brady reported that the work has all been done, and Karen Franck

is now working with the auditor to finalize completion.

2. DCNR Grant Bid Update

Phil reported that the bid is now being qualified and evaluated.

3. Program with Plymouth Elementary

Phil Brady reported that Joanna Sharapan is working on a Wildbird Seed Sale with Plymouth Elementary School. This fundraiser will help Plymouth Elementary students purchase bird food, bird feeders, and bird houses for the new bird blind at Harriet Wetherill Park.

E. Programming

1. CSD Wrestling

Phil Brady recently met with Jason Sugalski to discuss some wrestling mat hygiene issues. The costs associated with the cleaning of mats was also discussed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Phil Brady noted that a new sponsorship packet is being developed to encourage sponsorship of Plymouth Township Day and other events.

Bill English asked about the sale of movie tickets. Phil Brady noted that sales are not doing as well as previously, due to changes in purchasing options.

Council Member Dean Eisenberger reported on the following:

- The 2016 Budget will include funds for a PennDOT Multimodal Grant for installation of sidewalks. Areas in which sidewalks would be installed include Valley Road, Belvoir Road near the Colonial Middle School, Black Horse area, area near Central Montgomery County Technical School, Colwell Lane and Brooke Road, and Walton Road.
- The property at 441 Lucetta Street (adjacent to JFK Park) has been purchased and will be used for additional parking.
- Work continues on the Ridge Pike Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Pat Iannelli and seconded by Barbara Thompson. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary