

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, February 24, 2015

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Pat Ianelli, Joe Stem, Barbara Thompson, Neil Clark, and Patty Trask; Parks and Recreation Director Karen Franck; Council Liaison Dean Eisenberger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board member Kim Pennington was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015, meeting was made by Barbara Thompson. This motion was seconded by Joe Stem 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 January-2015 was reviewed. Karen Franck reported that pass sales are going well, as well as both the Silver Sneakers and Silver and Fit programs. In response to a question from Bill English, Karen explained that enrollment in Silver Sneakers or Silver and Fit is based on insurance coverage.

Karen also showed the Board photos from after-school program sports, the Teddy Bear Tea, and the Valentine's Day promotion.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Sidewalk Grant

Karen reported that although the grant was awarded, the official contract has not been received yet. This grant is for new sidewalks running along Germantown Pike near the Community Center.

2. Township Building Access

Karen Franck reported that letters have been sent to each youth organization currently storing items in the basement of the township building, advising them that these items will need to be removed. The organizations are making other plans for relocating these items, and it is expected that all items will be removed by the end of each organization's season.

3. Cross Country Trail – PECO Grant Letter

Karen Franck provided the Board members with a copy of a letter to be sent supporting Plymouth Township's application for a 2015 Green Region Grant to continue planning and coordinating various trail connection opportunities. Dean Eisenberger further explained that the Feasibility Study has been approved, and that engineering design is the next step. Dean explained in detail the long-term plan for the system of trails.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. March 10% Off Promotion

Karen Franck stated that a 10% discount will be applied to pass renewals or new passes obtained on March 21, 2015. Pass renewals can also be done on-line.

2. Small Group Training Classes

Karen reported that suspension training and cycling are both going very well. Some additional classes have already been added, including some ½ hour cycling classes.

3. Programming in General

Karen Franck noted a new series of Family Fun Fridays to be held in the Leisure Pool. These events are held on the 3rd Friday of the month, and include Easter Eggstravaganza (March 20), Minnow's Splash Party (April 17), and Beach Party (May 15).

4. Capital Projects Timing

Karen reported on the expected timing for some capital projects, including the lobby lights (by Spring), the roof top units (in the Spring), and the pool lights (overnight or during shut-down week).

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. Capital Projects Timing

Karen reported on the expected timing for some capital projects, including East Plymouth Valley Park bathroom renovations (in the Spring), the multi-purpose courts at JFK and Colwell Parks (in the Summer), and the sidewalk grant (hopefully in the Fall, depending on receipt of actual contract).

D. Wetherill Park

1. CFA Act 213 Grant

Karen stated that the contractor has started work, but progress has been slow due to the extremely cold weather. This project, which includes the entranceway, trails, and bridge, needs to be completed by June-2015.

2. DCNR Grant

Karen stated she hopes to begin this work in the Summer. This project includes the pavilion, playground, and outdoor bathrooms.

E. Programming

1. Bob Bigelow – March 5, 2015

Karen Franck reminded the Board that Bob Bigelow will be making his presentation on March 5, 2015. All youth organizations have been invited to attend this presentation.

2. Camp Registrations

Camp registrations are taking place now. Township residents are able to register first, then pass holders, and then non-residents. Camp registration could also be done on-line this year.

3. Summer Swim Sessions New Additions

Karen noted that new swim sessions will be offered in the Spring/Summer Brochure, which should be available in a few weeks. A new pre-school program will be offered the weeks of June 1 and June 8.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Council Liaison Dean Eisenberger updated the Board members on the following items:

- Meetings were held last night on the Lafayette Street Project. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed by the Fall. Dean explained the planned changes to the roads, the slip ramps, and changes to businesses in the area in great detail to the Board.
- The township is down to their last 100 tons of road salt, and is working to purchase an additional supply.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Barbara Thompson and seconded by Pat Ianelli.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary