

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2015

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Pat Iannelli, Patty Trask, Neil Clark, and Kim Pennington; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; Council Member Dean Eisenberger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board members Joe Stem and Barbara Thompson 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, APRIL 28, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015, meeting was made by Kim Pennington. 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 April-2015 was reviewed. Phil Brady noted that camp registrations are going well. An effort to sell more passes is being made through various promotions.

Phil Brady also showed the Board photos from the Senior Games in the pool and Senior Games bocce, women's over-18 volleyball league, Earth Day at Harriet Wetherill Park, and construction work at Harriet Wetherill Park (sidewalk and driveway).

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Plymouth Township Day

Plymouth Township Day will be held from 4-8 PM on Saturday, May 30, 2015. Phil Brady reported that the zip-line has already sold out. The Board

members who had volunteered to work were given their assignments. The pie-making contest did not have enough participants for this year.

2. Software Upgrade Shutdown Week

Phil Brady reported that the software program presently being utilized required a complete upgrade. The new software will be cloud-based, and will be installed during Shutdown Week in August-2015.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Small Group Training Classes

Phil Brady noted that the small group training classes have been changed to allow for more drop-in participants to the classes.

2. Sidewalk Grant

Karen Franck received notification of this grant last week. The grant will extend the sidewalk from the road into the Community Center Park. It is hoped that this sidewalk extension can be done early next year.

3. Bocce Courts – GPCC Park

Phil Brady showed the Board members a photo showing where the bocce courts have been constructed by the Bocce Club. A problem has developed with children playing in the bocce court sand, since there is no fence around the area. Bill English reported on some complaints he had received concerning usage of the court. Dean Eisenberger explained how partial fencing had been used to restrict access to bocce courts in other locations. Phil Brady suggested that Dean's solution would be a good one, and he could talk to Rick Carbo to see if this solution would be agreeable with Bocce Club President Scott Fazio.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. Villanova Proposal Turf Field

Phil Brady reported that we are waiting to hear back from Villanova.

2. JFK Park

Dean Eisenberger reported that issues have been addressed and most problems resolved.

C. Wetherill Park

1. Current Act 13 Grant Construction Status

Phil Brady reported that work is being done on the bridge, path, and parking lot. Paving is scheduled to begin next and work is expected to be completed by July 1.

2. DCNR Grant Report

This grant will be for the playground, pavilion, first floor, outdoor bathroom and trees. Bid is scheduled for Spring-2016, with completion of work anticipated for 2017.

3. Act 13 Grant Application

This award is expected this Summer. Work will include the outside work on the building, wood flooring, windows, and doors.

E. Programming

1. Summer Programming

Phil Brady reported that camps are up and running. CPR training for staff is complete. Trips for the camps have been scheduled.

2. Performance Series

The Performances in the Park schedule is listed in the current Leisure Visions. Movies/concerts begin on June 24 and end on August 5.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Bill English reported on a concern he had received over use of the lap area of the pool at the GPCC. Phil Brady explained that a class is currently being held which restricts use of the pool for others to do laps. Phil further explained that this is a trial class, and can be re-evaluated. Much positive feedback on the class has been received, and Patty Trask noted that a potential Olympic swimmer does his laps in the pool. Phil also noted that complaints have not been presented in a professional manner. Phil will put this item on the agenda for July.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

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

- Work on the emergency bridge replacement on Plymouth Road continues; completion is expected by end of August-2015,
- Construction in the Black Horse area as part of the Lafayette Extension continues, and
- Approximately 300 feet of sidewalk will be installed near the Metroplex to provide a connection to existing sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Kim Pennington and seconded by Pat Iannelli.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary