

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, August 25, 2015

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Pat Iannelli, Barbara Thompson, Neil Clark, Kim Pennington and Patti Trask; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; Council Member Dean Eisenberger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom.

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

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015

A correction to the minutes of the July 28, 2015, meeting was made to reflect attendance at the meeting as follows: Neil Clark was in attendance; Joe Stem was not in attendance. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Barbara Thompson. This motion was seconded by Kim Pennington 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 July-2015 was reviewed. Phil Brady showed the Board pictures of the newly-renovated restrooms at East Plymouth Valley Park; camp children playing scooter basketball; a visit from zoo animals at Mini People camp; police canine demonstration at Plymouth Township Day; Silver Sneakers social; and East Plymouth Valley Park basketball league.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Software Upgrade Shutdown Week

Phil Brady reported that the major upgrade of the current system is not ready for installation. This upgrade will need to be done during Shutdown Week next year.

## 2. PECO Grant Application

Council member Dean Eisenberger provided the Board with an update on the progress made in connection with the spur within the township that will connect with the Cross County Trail. When ultimately completed, this portion will connect the Metroplex to the Plymouth Meeting Mall.

## 3. Board Resignation/Replacement

Member Joe Stem has submitted his resignation to the Board. Applications are being taken for a replacement Board member.

## B. Community Center/CC Park

### 1. 2015 Wellness Event – Workshops and Demos

Phil Brady reported that a new Wellness Event has been scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2015. This event replaces the former Women's Conference and the former Health Fair.

### 2. October 10% Special – October 24

Phil reported that the 10% Special off memberships is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015.

### 3. Sidewalk Grant

Phil Brady reported that Karen Franck hopes to be able to get this project started in the Fall or Winter.

### 4. Shutdown Week

Phil noted that Shutdown Week will be August 31 to September 4. Floors in some of the rental rooms will be redone; LED lights will be installed in the pool area; and the gym floor will be re-sanded and refinished.

## C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

### 1. EPV Restroom Renovation Update

Phil Brady had shown the Board pictures of the finished bathrooms. New fixtures, mirrors, and partitions were installed. Additionally, new flooring was installed.

## 2. Court Surfacing Project

Phil reported that the bid will be put out for the court resurfacing at JFK Park.

## D. Wetherill Park

### 1. Park Update

#### a. Bridge rails and gates

Phil reported that bridge rails and gates still need to be installed. They will be installed at three different locations on the property.

#### b. Budget options with and without grants

Phil noted that the next grant will be for more park expansion at Harried Wetherill Park. Budgeting is being worked based on options with grant funding, or without grant funding.

### 2. DCNR Grant Submittals and Time Frame

Phil Brady provided the Board members with a sheet detailing the specific projected timeline dates from initial submittal (July-2015) to grant closeout (Winter 2016/2017).

## E. Programming

### 1. Fall/Winter Programming

The Fall 2015 Leisure Visions Brochure was provided to the Board Members.

### 2. Water Classes and New Mix

Phil Brady explained some of the new changes in the pool programs, including accelerated classes (five days in a row), same instructor for certain classes, and change in cancellation policy (classes now being cancelled later to account for last-minute signups).

### 3. Youth Swim Training

Phil explained changes made to the Youth Swim Training classes to address recent concerns.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

## 6. MISCELLANEOUS

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

- Construction in the Black Horse area as part of the Lafayette Extension Project continues, and
- A Wawa is proposed at the site of the former Norris Sales location on Ridge Pike.

## ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Kim Pennington and seconded by Barbara Thompson.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Rosemary Winterbottom*  
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary