

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, September 22, 2015

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory board was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Patty Trask, and Barb Thompson; and Director Karen S. Franck. Absent were Board members Pat Ianelli and Neil Clark; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom.

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

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2015, meeting was made by Kim Pennington. This motion was seconded by Barb Thompson 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 August was reviewed. Karen Franck reported that things are going well. Activities and enrollment are climbing. New programs in the pool are doing well. Birthday Parties are down. New party packages will be available next year. Small Group Training is doing well.

Bill English asked is a new person has been appointed to fill Joe Stem's spot.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. PECO Grant

Karen Franck received notice that a \$10,000 matching grant was awarded to the Township. The funds will be used to study conceptual planning, survey and engineering for a new side path along Plymouth Road and sidewalk improvements along the west side of Butler Pike. This is near the Cole Point Village. The time frame is 18 months.

2. Villanova Baseball Day of Service

Karen Franck reported that the Villanova Baseball Team volunteers cleaned the Service and Devotion Monument and top beds as a day of service.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. October 10% Off Promotion

Karen Franck noted that on October 24, 2015, the GPCC will offer a 10% discount on new and renewed annual passes. This date was moved up from November and a good turnout is anticipated.

2. Sidewalk Grant

Karen Franck noted that amount of the Sidewalk Grant as close to \$118,000. Some clearing needs to be done and contracts are in the process of being signed. The Germantown Pike sidewalk will extend from Jolly Road and connect to the walking path near the beginning of the baseball field. Possible completion date is late spring 2016.

3. Shutdown Week

Karen Franck reported that the tile floors were cleaned, buffed and waxed. Lighting did not arrive and will be scheduled for installation once a definite delivery date is received. Painting will also be completed in the coming weeks.

Karen briefly explained the PECO rebate program for the lights. She stated that Rick has submitted for the pool lights. Once they are installed and we receive the rebate we will use it to continue with other various lighting projects.

C. Parks Maintenance/Park Issues

1. Court Resurfacing

Karen Franck reported JFK and Colwell courts are being resurfaced. Bids are in and council has awarded the contracts.

2. Youth Sports Sheds

Karen Franck reported that Wrestling and Basketball will be receiving sheds. They will be installed on Community Center property near the parks maintenance shed.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Park Update

Karen Franck reported that park improvements are going well. Gates and handrails are on order. The gates will prevent cars from driving into park.

Capital Budget options were discussed. Karen Franck plans to present two capital budgets, one with grants and one without.

2. DCNR Grant

Next phase of the HWP pavilion, bathrooms, and bottom of barn for indoor classrooms (environmental education classes) were discussed. Karen Franck passed out a sheet for project timeline.

3. ACT 13 Grant - 2015

Karen Franck reported that this grant application was submitted in early spring. We are expecting to hear announcements by mid to late October. The grant submittal included funds to continue enclosing the building to protect it from the elements.

E. Programming

1. Fall/Winter Programming

Karen Franck passed out a list of upcoming special events.

2. Youth Swim Training

Karen Franck reported that the Dick Schulberg Youth Swim Training classes are filled and going well with only a few comments.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Projects and Grants

Karen Franck reported that she is compiling information on new projects to inform Council of future budget possibilities.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

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ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion for adjournment was made by Barb Thompson and seconded by Patty Trask.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Pennington

Kimberly Pennington, Board Member