

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, October 27, 2015

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Pat Iannelli, Barbara Thompson, Neil Clark, Patti Trask, and Kim Pennington; Building and Grounds Director Rick Carbo; Council Member Lenore Bruno; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board Chairman Bill English was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chairman Pat Iannelli.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

A motion to approve the September 22, 2015, minutes was made by Kim Pennington. This motion was seconded by Barbara 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 September-2015 was reviewed. There were no comments on the report.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. PECO Grant Award

a. Timeline and Location

Rick Carbo explained that this PECO grant award is for the Plymouth Road spur of the Cross County Trail. Rick distributed maps to the Board members which he used to explain the continuation of the Cross County Trail from Chemical Road, across Germantown Pike to Butler Pike, and then on to Plymouth Road. Rick noted that one problem area will be how to get across the Pennsylvania Turnpike. This grant will need to be completed in 18 months.

## B. Community Center/CC Park

### 1. October 24 -- 10% Special

Rick Carbo reported on the 10% Special off memberships on Saturday, October 24, 2015: there were 263 total memberships sold on that date, which included 11 new memberships. This total was slightly lower than the number sold during this same promotion in 2014.

### 2. Sidewalk Grant

Rick Carbo reported that the contracts have been signed for these additional sidewalks along Germantown Pike. Engineering design is in progress.

### 3. Pool Lighting

Rick Carbo reported that the LED lights that had been ordered in July-2015 were never received, due to the unavailability of parts making up the lights. Rick Carbo has been promised that the order will be expedited, and he hopes to be able to have the lights installed sometime in November.

## C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

### 1. Court Resurfacing – JFK and Colwell

Rick Carbo reported that resurfacing of the multipurpose courts at JFK Park and Colwell Park has been completed. The basketball court at East Plymouth Valley Park has also been resurfaced.

### 2. Youth Sports Sheds

Rick Carbo reported that the basketball and wrestling organizations are being provided with sheds to house their equipment. The foundations have been installed for these sheds.

### 3. 2016 Projects

Rick Carbo noted various projects planned for 2016:

- new fencing on field #3 at East Plymouth Valley Park
- repave the walking path at Bicentennial Park (New Hope Street side)
- updates to playground equipment at JFK Park, Alan Wood Park, East Plymouth Valley Park, and Community Center Park
- HVAC roof top unit replacement at Community Center
- security upgrades at the Plymouth Township Building

D. Wetherill Park

1. Park Update

a. Bridge rails, gates, and signage

Rick Carbo reported that the bridge rails are in, and the gates have been installed. The signage still needs to be installed.

2. DCNR Grant Bid Timing

Rick reported that the bid for Phase 2 is out; bids are due November 18. This phase includes the bathrooms, pavilion, playground, and some renovations to the existing barn.

3. Act 13 Grant Application

Rick Carbo reported that this grant has not been awarded yet.

E. Programming

Rick noted that some recent events had been held at Harriet Wetherill Park during October. Kim Pennington reported on the poor attendance at the recent Campfire and Storyteller event held at Harriet Wetherill Park. Various ways to advertise future events were discussed among the Board members.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Kim Pennington and seconded by Patti Trask.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Rosemary Winterbottom*  
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary