

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2016

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Kim Pennington, Barbara Thompson, Jennifer Dow, Pat Iannelli, Jason Sugalski and Neil Clark; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; Buildings and Grounds Director Rick Carbo; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board Member Patty Trask was not in attendance.

Board Chairman Kim Pennington called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PW SPARTANS FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Phil Brady will reschedule for May-2016 meeting.

PLYMOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mr. Mike Williams, Mr. Mike Taormina, and Mr. Bud House were present to represent Plymouth Little League Baseball.

Mr. Williams noted that the season has begun, with practices being held last weekend. Registration is up this year. A new division for under-6 softball boys and girls was begun this year. A field groomer (\$17,000) was purchased by the organization this year. The batting cages have been torn down, and it is planned to replace them with new ones.

Mr. Williams stated that the organization would like to improve Field 4 (possibly re-grade and re-sod). Kim Pennington noted that all improvement plans need to be coordinated with Rick Carbo.

Rick Carbo asked that the responsible individuals in the organization become familiar with the operation of the security system to prevent any further phone calls from the alarm company.

In response to a question from the Board regarding discounts for Plymouth players, Mr. Williams explained the geographic boundaries and noted that 85% of the players are from Plymouth Township.

Mr. Williams expressed thanks for the lights that were put on the softball field last year.

The Board thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation.

## COLONIAL SOCCER CLUB

Mr. Adam Kaye was present to represent the Colonial Soccer Club.

Mr. Kaye noted that this is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization, which was started in 1976. There are approximately 1300 children registered for the program this year (an increase), of which 350 children are on the travel teams. The organization has programs for children from kindergarten to high school ages, plus programs for adult men and women. The organization uses fields in Plymouth Township, the Colonial School District, and Whitemarsh Township.

In response to questions from the Board members, Mr. Kaye stated that the organization has not had a problem obtaining volunteer coaches. Background checks are done on coaches. The organization does parent education in an attempt to avoid unruly parents. Most participants in the program are from either Plymouth or Whitemarsh townships.

Mr. Kaye thanked the Board for their cooperation in working with the club.

The Board thanked Mr. Kaye for his presentation.

### 1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016, meeting was made By Pat Iannelli. 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 February-2016 was reviewed. Phil Brady noted that it has been a good year so far. Swim lessons have had an increase in participants. Inflatable Float Day was sold out.

Phil showed photos from pre-school hockey, kids paint night, teddy bear tea, Silver Sneakers and Silver and Fit social, and breakfast with the bunny.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. General Department

###### 1. PECO Grant Progress

Rick Carbo explained that this grant was to study a bike spur through Plymouth Township as a continuation of the Mid-County Trail. Rick reported that the study is almost complete.

###### 2. Plymouth Township Day – June 4, 2016

Plymouth Township Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2016. Phil Brady noted that the event will be held from 11 AM to 3 PM this year. The inflatables for the event have been booked. A cornhole tournament will be held this year, and small cash prizes will be awarded.

###### 3. New App Update

Phil Brady reported that the Greater Plymouth Community Center app is now up and running. The app is free and is available at the App Store.

##### B. Community Center/CC Park

###### 1. Sidewalk Grant Update

Rick Carbo reported that the project for the portion of sidewalk which will run along Germantown Pike from Jolly Road to Walton Road will go out to bid in April. Rick is hoping for construction of this project this Summer.

###### 2. Gym and Atrium Lighting

Rick Carbo reported that he is still getting quotes on the gym lighting. Three (3) of the 12 fixtures for the atrium area have been received.

###### 3. CC Promotion List – 10% Off Recap

Phil Brady reported that 380 passes were sold as part of the 10% off promotion this past Saturday, March 19, 2016. Many of these passes were sold on-line.

###### 4. Staffing

Phil reported that hiring for summer staffing positions has begun.

## C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

### 1. Project Bid Preparation

Rick Carbo reported that the bidding out of park projects has begun. Included is the replacement of some portions of playground equipment at East Plymouth Valley Park, Black Horse Park, JFK Park, Alan Wood Park, and the Community Center Park.

## D. Wetherill Park

### 1. DCNR Grant Bid

Rick reported that the bids were awarded for building construction, which includes bathrooms, new doors, new electric, and new HVAC. Rick hopes to get started on this project next month. The playground and pavilion will be bid out separately.

### 2. Act 13 Grant

Rick reported that the status of this grant is still not known.

### 3. DCNR Grant to Update Comprehensive Plan

Phil Brady explained the need for an updated Comprehensive Plan.

Pat Iannelli made a motion to proceed with a 2016 DCNR Grant to update the Plymouth Township Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan. This motion was seconded by Barbara Thompson and unanimously approved.

## E. Programming

### 1. Programming – Spring Break Programs, Brunch with the Bunny

Phil Brady reported that the Spring Break Program was well-attended. Brunch with the Bunny was sold out.

### 2. Summer Camp Registration Results

Phil Brady noted that camp registrations were increased from last year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Dow noted that a new restaurant (Zoup!) will be opening soon at the Plymouth Meeting Mall. Jennifer also noted a Kid Crew event for small children that is held the first Wednesday of the month at 11 AM.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosemary Winterbottom*

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary