

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, May 24, 2016

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Kim Pennington, Barbara Thompson, Pat Iannelli, Neil Clark, Jennifer Dow and Patty Trask; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board Member Jason Sugalski was not in attendance.

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

PW SPARTANS

Mr. Eric Hegarty (Vice President) and Mr. Ken Kline (President) were present to represent the PW Spartans Football and Cheerleading organization.

It was stated that the organization had a great season this past year. There have been no problems with any unruly parents or visiting fans. Mr. Hegarty explained that the organization is currently trying to build up their membership numbers. He further explained that all personnel involved in either coaching, working sidelines, working the snack bar, etc., need to be certified prior to becoming involved with the children. All coaches are instructed in concussions, and medics are present at all games.

In response to a question from the Board concerning a checks and balance system on monies for the organization, Mr. Kline stated that there are two people to check on money coming in or going out of the organization.

Mr. Kline further stated that approximately 75% of the participants in the program are Plymouth Township residents. The mini-camps held last season went very well. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Kline stated that the organization and Plymouth Little League have a very good relationship with no problems at all.

Mr. Klein thanked the Board for their support.

The Board thanked Mr. Klein and Mr. Hegarty for their presentation.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016, meeting was made by Barbara Thompson. This motion was seconded by Patty Trask and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

Kathy Scott and her son Ryan Scott were present for the meeting. Ryan Scott is a Boy Scout with Troup #216 and is working on his Merit Badge for Communications. Ryan is required to attend a public meeting as part of obtaining this Merit Badge.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for April-2016 was reviewed. It was noted that private swim lesson participation is going well.

Phil Brady showed the Board photos from the Montgomery County Senior Games (bocce, table tennis, and swimming); pre-school programs; and work on the canopy at the Community Center.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. PECO Grant Progress

Phil Brady noted that this grant is for the proposed bike spur as part of the cross-county trail through Plymouth Township. The bike path consultant has completed his work. The township engineer now needs to do his portion.

2. Plymouth Township Day – June 4, 2016

Plymouth Township Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2016. Phil Brady reported that all the craft booths are filled. There are currently seven teams signed up for the Corn Hole Tournament. There will be some new children's activities this year. There will also be additional food trucks this year.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Outdoor Canopy Improvement

Phil explained the work being done on the canopy at the Community Center, and referred to the pictures he had shown the Board. It is expected that the bricks will also be re-pointed.

2. Marketing Promotions

Phil Brady stated that a "7 for 7" promotion (7 days for \$7.00) was successful. The new college pass is also selling well.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. GPCC Fields -- Turf

Phil reported that the baseball field turf project has been approved by Plymouth Council. The project needs to be approved by Villanova University now. It is expected that this work will be done in late Summer.

D. Wetherill Park

1. DCNR Grant Bids/State Contract

- a. Barn Portion
- b. Playground and Pavillion

Phil Brady reported that work has already begun on the barn. The barn will eventually be used as a Nature Center.

The playground equipment will be purchased through a state contract. The installation of the playground equipment needs to be bid out. It is hoped that the work can be done by September.

2. Act 13 Grant -- Meeting

Phil reported that there is still no word on this grant award.

E. Programming

1. Summer Camp

Phil Brady reported that all hiring for summer camp is completed. Training for these employees needs to be done. One week camps are filling up.

2. Summer Special Events

Cards listing the summer special events were distributed to the Board members. The summer events will include four movies and three concerts, and begins on June 22 and runs until August 3.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

In response to a question from Kim Pennington on the popularity of gaga ball (a variant of dodge ball), Phil Brady showed the Board a short video from the internet. Kim Pennington inquired if this was something that should be pursued.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Pat Iannelli and seconded by Patty Trask. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary