

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes, July 25, 2017

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members, Kim Pennington, Barb Thompson, Jason Sugalski, Jennifer Dow, and Neil Clark; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; and Council Liaison, Chris Manero. Patty Trask and Bryan Renneisen were absent.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017, meeting was made by Barb Thompson. The motion was seconded by Jason Sugalski and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors in attendance.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The board reviewed the monthly report. It was noted that there is increased use of the GPCC baseball field with the addition of the turf infield.

Phil Brady showed the board pictures of Plymouth Township Day, SilverSneakers Social, Butterfly Garden at HWP, Playground Program, Summer Youth Basketball, Under the Sea workshop, Princess Extravaganza, and Super Hero Adventure.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Open Space Plan

Phil Brady reported that we are about 2 weeks from final DCNR approval. At that point committees will be formed and the process will begin.

Kim Pennington reported that an informal survey by the Township Comprehensive Plan committee at Plymouth Township Day resulted in the Community Center and

Parks as the #2 reason folks like living in Plymouth Township (schools were #1). Chris Manero and Kim spoke about the most recent Comp plan meeting. This meeting went into detail about roads and transportation in the Township.

Board members are encouraged to complete the Comprehensive Plan survey. It has been sent out over Facebook, email and is available on the Township website. A limited amount of hard copies is available via Karen Franck. Lastly, Karen will collect any hard copies that people complete.

On October 5, 2017 at 7 pm, a meeting pertaining to the Comp Plan will take place at GPCC. All board members are encouraged to attend.

B. Dickinson Farmstead:

1. Phil reported that the grants have been submitted and some have been approved.
2. Work continues on the Master Plan Study for the property. The board spoke about priorities and if there will be another meeting with the neighbors. Once the plan is complete it will be sent to council and then shared with the Parks board and the public. Another meeting may take place at that time.

C. Community Center/CC Park

1. Shutdown week projects on the agenda: New water fountain for the Fitness Center, painting, redoing the gym floor, deep cleaning, and floor work along with pool maintenance. The board inquired about the pressure washing the front of GPCC. The pressure washing was missed last year because of repairs to the entry way arch. It will be completed again this year.

D. Parks and Maintenance:

1. Bicentennial Park

The need for tree trimming and a plan for the wood creatures are priorities at this park. Also, it was discussed that the paver wall at EPV needs some attention.

2. Wetherill Park

DCED Grant Building Exterior. The bids received for this project were too high. DCED agreed to some changes and it will be rebid in a few weeks. It is hoped to be completed

in late fall or early winter. The scope of the work includes roofing and other exterior work.

E. Programming

1. Summer camps, programs and playground.

Summer Camp registrations have held steady. The program includes many trips, swimming, use of the GPCC gym and facilities. Summer Playground at Plymouth Elementary is running smoothly despite the construction to the school. The board suggested a tent for the Playground program at Plymouth Elementary. Summer one-week camps are running including the first camp held in the new room at HWP and a track camp.

2. Plymouth Township Day

While the wristbands were well received, ideas to make them more affordable were discussed. The board reviewed the report and discussed the year-by-year numbers. It was noted the large jump in sponsorships coming out of the recession.

3. Fall programs

Supplies and plans are underway for the first tree lighting ceremony on November 29, 2017 at 6 pm. In addition, it was suggested to add a Veterans Day Ceremony for 2018.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items discussed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Manero updated the board on projects at the Plymouth Meeting Mall, sidewalks, and other development projects. In addition, he provided information on the turnpike Lafayette Street extender.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion for adjournment was made Barb Thompson and seconded by Jason Sugalski.
The next meeting is of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Brady