

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, May 23, 2017

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bryan Renneisen, Jennifer Dow, Jason Sugalski, and Neil Clark; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board members Kim Pennington, Barbara Thompson, and Patti Trash were absent.

Member Neil Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2017, meeting was made by Jason Sugalski. This motion was seconded by Neil Clark and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors in attendance.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for April-2017 was reviewed. It was noted that college passes are very popular this year.

Phil Brady showed the Board photos from the Fishing Derby, Montco Senior Games Bocce, Montco Senior Games Swimming, and Earth Day (Ridge Park students cleaned up Harriet Wetherill Park).

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. DCNR – Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan
  - a. Coordinating with DCNR
  - b. Consultant Selection

Phil Brady reported that work is being done with the consultant on the Outline and Scope for the project. This work is being done in accordance with DCNR specifications.

A waiver has been obtained to utilize Consultant Ann Toole. This same consultant had been used in the past.

## 2. ABA Update

Phil Brady reported that statistics provided by Plymouth ABA on the number of residents and non-residents participating in the organization were reviewed. It was determined that actual statistics were approximately 50% Plymouth residents, and approximately 50% non-residents. Phil Brady called Jay Tornetta to discuss this matter, and Phil asked if first consideration to join Plymouth ABA could be given to Plymouth Township residents. A discount to join Plymouth ABA or an earlier registration date for Plymouth Township residents would provide this consideration. Bryan Renneisen suggested that Plymouth Township residents should get first consideration, since the organization carries the name "Plymouth ABA".

Phil Brady also reported that PW Ice Hockey has provided their Code of Conduct, as requested by the Board during the April-2017 meeting.

## 3. Dickinson Farmstead

- a. Grants Submitted – PHMC, DCNR (2), and DCED
- b. Master Plan and Study

Phil Brady listed the four different grants for the Dickinson Farmstead:

- PHMC Grant – plans and specs to weather-proof the barn
- DCNR Grant – plan for the entire park
- DCNR Grant – plan for the playground area
- DCED Grant – funds to actually purchase the property

Phil also reported that the Master Plan and Study is approximately 50% completed. The Master Plan and Study will go hand-in-hand with the grants.

## B. Community Center/CC Park

### 1. Summer Promotions

Phil reported that the Splash and Dash Program being offered is very popular. The college passes, including the three-month plan, are also very popular.

## C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

### 1. EPV Park Paving

Phil reported that the path around East Plymouth Valley Park had been paved.

## 2. EPV Pond

About three days prior to the scheduled Fishing Derby, it was noted that the water in the pond at East Plymouth Valley Park was very low. Phil Brady explained that Public Works employees investigated the situation, and it was discovered that a large turtle and some rocks were located near the intake valve of the pond. The turtle was relocated to the nearby creek, and the rocks were removed. Water level was normal in time for the Fishing Derby.

## D. Wetherill Park

### 1. DCED Grant Building Exterior

Phil Brady stated that this project will be going out to bid in a few weeks. This grant will be used for a new roof and windows to weather-proof the building from the elements.

### 3. Tree Planting

Phil stated that lots of new trees have been planted all throughout Harriet Wetherill Park. Specifically, new trees were planted in the corner near the new area of the park.

## E. Programming

### 1. Summer Camp

Phil Brady reported that most summer camp programs are almost full. There is a wait list for Teen Camp (ages 12-15 years old). The space formerly used for Mini-People Camp will be used for Teen Camp.

### 2. Plymouth Township Day

Plymouth Township Day will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Post cards will be mailed out soon which list the summer movies and concerts in the Community Center Park amphitheater, as well as Plymouth Township Day. Wristbands will be sold for games, inflatables, etc. Wristbands will cost \$18 (for ages 5 and under) and \$20 (for ages 6 and up). Food purchases will be cash only. Several Board members reported that they do not receive the Township e-mail; Phil Brady will check on the distribution list for this e-mail.

### 3. Save the Date – Tree Lighting

Plymouth Township will hold its first Tree Lighting ceremony on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, which is the Wednesday after Thanksgiving Day. A tree will be planted in the location of the Service and Devotion Monument for this event.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items discussed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion for adjournment was made by Jason Sugalski and seconded by Bryan Renneisen. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom  
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary