

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, March 27, 2018

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Kim Pennington, Jennifer Dow, Barbara Thompson, Bryan Renneisen, Jason Sugalski, and Neil Clark; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; Building and Grounds Director Rick Carbo; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board member Patti Trask was not in attendance.

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

PLYMOUTH WHITEMARSH SPARTANS FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Mr. Eric Hegarty, President, was present to represent PW Spartans Football and Cheerleading.

In response to questions presented by Kim Pennington, Mr. Hegarty stated that the organization has background and child abuse clearances done. Additionally, the organization has defibrillators to be used in case of emergency. The helmets used by the players are good for 10 years, and are checked by the manufacturer every year. There is no problem sharing the EPV field with the baseball organization; Mr. Hegarty stated that he is on the board for both the football and baseball organizations. In response to a question concerning a possible merger between the PW Spartans and the Conshohocken Bears, Mr. Hegarty noted that there was a great rivalry between the groups and he did not feel a merger would take place. It was also stated that the organization does not receive any funds from Conshohocken, even though there are a number of players from Conshohocken who choose to be on the Spartans.

Mr. Hegarty stated that the organization will have a 125 lb. team this year, for the first time in many years. Mr. Hegarty also stated that he will provide financial information for the organization as soon as he can.

The Board thanked Mr. Hegarty for his presentation.

PLYMOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Mr. Mike Williams, President, was present to represent Plymouth Little League.

Mr. Williams stated that the organization is doing well. The registration numbers are good, and a six-year-old girls team has been added. The ten-year-old girls team won the state championship last year. The organization is contributing \$13,000 to the renovation of East Plymouth Valley Park Field #3. Mr. Williams noted that Fields #1, #2 and #4 have all been renovated over the past several years.

In response to questioning from Kim Pennington, Mr. Williams stated there has not been any problems obtaining coaches. The organization has background checks and child abuse clearances done. A Director of Safety has been added to the organization, and that person has tested their defibriliators to make sure they work (the individual is an ER surgeon). Mr. Williams also stated that a new scoreboard has been donated to the organization; the scoreboard will just need to be installed.

Mr. Williams also stated that a new shed will be installed behind Field #1. Rick Carbo stated that he needs to be advised as to the type of foundation for this shed. Rick also stated that a water fountain at the location will need to be moved. It was also stated by Mr. Williams that the existing shed at Field #1 will be relocated to Field #3.

The Board thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation.

COLONIAL SOCCER CLUB

Mr. Adam Kaye, President, and Mr. Tom Manley, Director of Fields, were present to represent Colonial Soccer Club.

Mr. Manley explained that the organization is in desperate need of fields to use. The organization presently has 13 teams playing on 11 fields. Fields at PW High School and Miles Park are mainly used. The organization rents a field at AIM Academy in the Fall. Mr. Manley explained the size of field needed, which is according to the size/age of the players using the field. Bryan Renneisen asked if the organization uses any fields in Conshohocken, and Mr. Kaye stated that they did not. Mr. Manley reported that he is a member of the Parks and Recreation Board for Whitemarsh Township, and that group is discussing fields needed.

In response to a question from Kim Pennington inquiring as to whether Whitemarsh contributed any funds to the organization, Mr. Kaye stated that they did not.

The Board thanked Mr. Kaye and Mr. Manley for their presentation.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018, meeting was made by Bryan Renneisen. This motion was seconded by Barbara Thompson and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no additional guests or visitors in attendance.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for February-2018 was reviewed. Phil Brady reported that the new birthday party packages are going well. An additional senior fitness class is being added on Mondays. Kim Pennington reported that she had attended the Brunch with the Bunny and Egg Scramble, and the event was well-attended. Phil Brady added that the event had been sold out.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan)
 - a. Meeting Discussions
 1. Programming Meeting
 - b. Consultant Meeting with Parks Board

Phil Brady reported that a Programming Meeting was held last week. It had been rescheduled due to inclement weather. Phil also reported that Consultant Ann Toole has been scheduled to meet with the Board at the May 22, 2018, meeting.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Rooftop Unit Installation

Rick Carbo reported that the new rooftop units (the entire building) should be installed in April. Removal of old units and installation of new units will probably take several days. Kim Pennington inquired as to the presence of roof leaks. Rick stated that any roof leaks will be repaired after the rooftop units are installed.

C. Parks and Maintenance

1. EPV Field 3 Renovations

Rick Carbo stated that East Plymouth Valley Field 3 is being renovated in partnership with Plymouth Little League. The township is replacing the dugouts and some fencing. Plymouth Little League is contributing funds to the renovation. It is hoped that the renovations can be completed by April 14.

2. Park Tree Damage

Rick Carbo noted that quite a few trees were lost during the two recent snowstorms. Most township parks lost trees, some more than others.

D. Wetherill Park

1. DCED Grant Building Exterior

Rick reported that work on the exterior of the building is almost completed. The new windows are expected to be delivered next week. Once these windows are installed, the project will be done.

2. Barn Entrance Area

Rick Carbo explained that this project has been budgeted for this year. The project will include a courtyard area with pavers, a concrete patio, and a fire pit.

3. Streambank Stabilization Grant

- a. Letter of Intent – Unsuccessful
- b. New Grant Applications

Rick Carbo explained that this project would consist of two areas:
1) re-pointing of the stone walls, and 2) a riparian buffer of all-natural plants. The first grant application was turned down. Karen is looking for other grant opportunities.

E. Programming

1. Camp Registration

Phil Brady reported that camp registration is going well. The first week and last week of the weekly camps are both full.

2. Pre-School Afternoon Camp

Phil reported that the process has been started to run a pre-school afternoon camp. It is hoped to be able to get the program certified.

3. March 17 – 10% Off Day

Phil reported that the 10% off day on new memberships/renewals held on March 17, 2018, went very well. Income from this event was approximately \$10,000 more than last year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were discussed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous items.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made Barbara Thompson and seconded by Jason Sugalski. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary