

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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

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

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018, meeting was made by Jennifer Dow. This motion was seconded by Brian Renneisen 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 January-2018 was reviewed. Karen Franck noted that the Silver Sneakers program is doing well; however, the program is in need of an instructor for the Friday session.

Karen showed the Board members photos from Inflatable Float Day, Teddy Bear Tea, Superhero Adventure, and Breakfast with the Characters.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan)

a. Meeting Discussions

1. Trails
2. Facilities

Karen Frank and Brian Renneisen had attended the Trails Meeting with Consultant Ann Toole and Consultant Tim Wilson. Many good ideas were discussed. The consultants will formulate a plan for presentation at the next meeting of the group.

Neil Clark attended the Facilities Meeting; however, Neil was not present at this evening's meeting to provide an update.

b. Consultant Meeting with Parks Board

Karen Frank plans to schedule Consultant Ann Toole to meet with the Board at the regularly-scheduled meeting date of May 22, 2018.

2. Goals and Accomplishments

The "Parks and Recreation Department 2017-2018 Goals and Accomplishments" report had been e-mailed to all Board members for their review. Karen summarized some of the 2017 Accomplishments and also briefly summarized some 2018 Goals for the Board.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Villanova Improvements

Karen reported that Villanova University will be making some improvements to the ball field, including additional fencing in front of some bleachers, adding fencing in front of the dugout, and increasing the height of some fencing. It is planned that these improvements will be completed by the start of the baseball season.

C. Parks and Maintenance

1. EPV Field 3 Renovations

Karen reported that Rick Carbo had planned to do some paving in the Field 3 area; however, Plymouth Little League requested some dugout improvements. Rick agreed to make the dugout improvements instead. Plymouth Little League will work on some re-grading and drainage at Field 3.

D. Wetherill Park

1. DCED Grant Building Exterior

Karen Franck reported that the work on this grant is proceeding very well. The roof is being worked on, some stone work and pointing is being done, and some interior work is also being done. Karen expects the work to be completed by early Spring. It is also hoped to have the pavilion on the property nearest Butler Pike available for rental soon.

2. Barn Entrance Area – Grant Consideration

Karen Franck explained that there is an unfinished area next to the back exit of the barn in which she would like to have pavers with benches and a seating area installed. Karen is looking into a Lowe's grant for this project. Karen and Rick Carbo plan to meet with the local Lowe's manager to see if we qualify for this grant.

3. Pavilion and Room Rentals

In response to a question from Brian Renneisen, Karen briefly detailed some of the pavilion and room rental rates for both residents and non-residents.

4. Streambank Stabilization Grant a. Letter of Intent

Karen explained that this grant would apply to the stream runoff in the area from the new bridge to the butterfly garden. A Letter of Intent has been filed with one organization, and Karen hopes to combine that grant with one from another organization.

E. Programming

1. Spring Programming

Karen Frank stated that new programs are being offered in different areas. Karen noted there is a Silver Social being held with nursing students from Roxborough Hospital. There is also a new Composting Program at Harriet Wetherill Park; a Youth Conditioning Camp; and a Functional Fitness for Seniors program (to increase body strength). Additionally, there is a new aerobics program – POUND – which utilizes drumsticks to workout.

2. Camp Planning and Registration

Camp planning is nearly completed. Registration began for residents, and non-resident registration begins March 3.

3. March 18 – 10% Off Day

March 18, 2018, is the day to receive 10% off the registration fee for new members or existing members who are renewing their memberships.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Karen Franck reported that a certification process is being worked for the GPCC to run a camp similar to the former mini-people camp. The camp would only

have afternoon sessions, and would be run on a limited basis. Karen noted that Representative Mary Jo Daley is working to sponsor new legislation which would let organizations like the GPCC run these types of camps.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous items.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made Barbara Thompson and seconded by Brian Renneisen. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary