

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, November 26, 2019

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Brian Renneisen, Barbara Thompson, Mike Perez, and Jason Sugalski; Building and Grounds Director Rick Carbo; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board Members Neil Clark, Shannon Dryden, and Naomi Winchester were not present.

Chairman Brian Renneisen called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NEW MEMBER, GUESTS, AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors in attendance.

2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019, meeting was made by Barbara Thompson. This motion was seconded by Jason Sugalski and unanimously approved.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for October-2019 was reviewed. Jason Sugalski asked if the opening of the new fitness center at the Plymouth Meeting Mall has impacted attendance. Brian Renneisen noted that it may be too early to tell, since that fitness center just opened in October. Brian suggested that this be reviewed early next year.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. General Department
- B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Roof Replacement Progress

Rick Carbo reported that the roof replacement project is approximately 60% completed. The roof over the pool and gym areas is mostly done. The lower roof area over the front desk is to be worked next. A decision will need to be made soon as to whether to continue work over the Winter, or suspend the project until Spring.

2. Trail Light Replacements

Rick reported that LED fixtures are being put on the trail lights. This replacement effort will most likely be completed next year.

3. New Tree for Red, White and Blue Lights

Rick stated that a new tree has been planted to replace the current tree for the red, white and blue lights. The replacement tree is a much fuller variety of tree.

4. GPCC 20th Anniversary Celebration — March 28, 2020

Rick Carbo noted that the GPCC 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held on March 28, 2020. More details are to follow on the celebration event.

C. Parks and Maintenance

1. East Plymouth Valley Concession Stand — Grant Opportunity

Rick Carbo reported that application has been made for a grant opportunity that became available through the office of Senator Daylin Leach. The concession stand at East Plymouth Valley Park will be renovated if this grant is received. A preliminary meeting was held with the architect to draw up plans, and the plans were shown to the Board. Representatives of the football and baseball organizations will be asked to review the plans prior to renovations.

2. Parks Projects This Year

Rick reported that the Harriet Wetherill Park courtyard area is almost complete; we are just awaiting the parking lot lights (solar lighting). Rick also reported that the water fountains are being replaced at East Plymouth Valley Park, the Community Center Park, and Black Horse Park.

3. Parks Projects 2020

Park projects for 2020 include work on the East Plymouth Valley Park tennis courts, renovation of the bathrooms at the Community Center Park and Colwell Park, replacement of the East Plymouth Valley Park playground equipment to make it ADA accessible, and the addition of a pedestrian walkway over the bridge at East Plymouth Valley Park. The bridge abutments and the walkway at Bicentennial Park will also be replaced.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Lowe's and DCED Grants for Building and Associated Materials

Rick had previously reported that the Harriet Wetherill Park courtyard that utilized these grants had been almost completed.

2. Tree Planting

Several Parks and Recreation Board members as well as members of the Environmental Advisory Board participated in the planting of trees at Harriet Wetherill Park on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Eight (8) trees were planted on that date.

E. Programming

1. List of Remaining 2019 Events

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, at 6 PM. Board members who can volunteer to assist in this event were asked to arrive by 5:30 PM. Hayrides will be offered this year and there will also be a craft table. Villanova baseball team members will again be volunteering.

Additional events remaining for 2019 include Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14; Kids Gift Workshop on Saturday, December 7; Ornament Workshop on December 11; and Swim and Give on December 13.

5. NEW BUSINESS

While noting that the Park and Recreation Board had six (6) regularly scheduled meetings in 2019, Brian Renneisen proposed that the Board have eight (8) regularly scheduled meetings in 2020. Brian suggested that meetings be scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of January, March, April, May, July, September, October and November (no meetings in February, June, August and December). The Board members present were agreeable to these proposed meetings in 2020. Brian will send an e-mail to the other Board members requesting their input.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Barbara Thompson noted that the Veterans Ceremony held on November 13 was well-attended. Barbara report that there were three (3) World War II veterans present at the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Brian Renneisen and seconded by Barbara Thompson. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary