

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, May 28, 2019

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board Chairman Brian Renneisen; Board members Jason Sugalski, Mike Perez, Neil Clark, Shannon Dryden, Barbara Thompson, and newly-appointed member Naomi Winchester; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Phil Brady; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom.

Chairman Brian Renneisen called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Newly-appointed member Naomi Winchester was introduced to the Board.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

A correction to the minutes was noted to remove Barbara Thompson's name from the motion for adjournment in the March 26, 2019, minutes.

A motion to approve the amended minutes of the March 26, 2019, meeting was made by Jason Sugalski. This motion was seconded by Barbara Thompson 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-2019 was reviewed. There were no comments.

Phil Brady showed the Board photos from recent events, including the Senior Health Fair held in conjunction with Chestnut Hill Hospital, the Fishing Derby, and some partial photos of the new mascot who will be introduced at Plymouth Township Day.

4. YOUTH GROUPS

A. Plymouth Junior ABA

Mr. Wayne Montgomery and Mr. Mike Taormina were present to represent the Plymouth Junior ABA organization.

Chairman Brian Renneisen expressed condolences on behalf of the Board on the passing of long-time ABA leader Pete Vardakas. Mr. Montgomery explained that Mr. Vardakas was involved with many tasks within the organization. It was noted that Mr. Vardakas had computerized many aspects of the organization's operations.

Mr. Montgomery stated that many people within the organization had stepped up to help with all aspects of this season's programs. In addition, two league directors were named to help run the organization.

Mr. Montgomery stated that there were 484 participants aged 5 to 16 years old in the program this year. PIAA-certified referee fees were approximately \$15,000 of their budget this year. Registration fees for the first player were increased to \$145 this year, up from the \$105 fee last season. Some sponsors were lost this year which decreased revenue, and the organization will have someone work on sponsorships next season. The organization did not hold a tournament this year.

In response to questioning, Mr. Montgomery stated that there were no issues/problems with the gyms, etc. Brian Renneisen asked that the organization assist with helping cleanup the gyms after games, particularly trash.

Mr. Montgomery further thanked Shaun Mazei for the fantastic help he has provided to the organization this past season. The organization appreciates very much all the help that Shaun has provided.

The Board thanked Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Taormina for their presentation.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

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

Phil Brady reported that this plan is again being worked after an interruption due to an illness in the consultant's family.

2. Youth Sports Summit — July 17, 2019

A Youth Sports Summit has been scheduled for July 17, 2019, from 7-9 PM at the Community Center. A representative from each of the youth sports teams will be invited to participate in this meeting, which will be an opportunity for open communication between the groups. Brian Renneisen asked for a Board member to attend this meeting, and Mike Perez volunteered to attend. In the event Mike can not attend, Neil Clark will attend to represent the Board.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Roof Replacement Preparations

Phil Brady reported that the bid documents are almost complete, and the project should go out for bid in a few weeks. It is anticipated that this project will begin in September.

2. Technology Upgrades

Phil Brady reported on the following technology upgrades: three chip readers for credit cards will be installed at the front desk; preparations are being made for electronic signatures; and more televisions are being installed to promote programs instead of paper flyers. Phil noted that more programs are being featured on Facebook and via e-mail, and that programs can also be accessed via the GPCC Application.

Mike Perez questioned the cost of the color printed brochures which list all the programs and events at the Plymouth Community Center each season. The Board discussed the pros/cons of a printed brochure. Phil Brady will research the cost of the brochures, while noting that the brochures are now only printed three times per year (previously they were printed four times per year).

C. Parks and Maintenance

1. Spring and Summer Preparations

Phil stated that the soccer and softball fields have been fertilized and seeded. Fields are being mowed, bushes are being trimmed, and trash is being cleaned up.

2. Plymouth Little League State Tournament

Rick Carbo and representatives from Plymouth Little League met to discuss what needs to be done in anticipation of hosting the tournament games. The dugouts are already being worked on, and new bleachers are being installed. The tournament runs from July 8-15, 2019.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Lowe's and DCED Grant Coordination

Phil Brady reported that a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for June 5, and the bids are expected to go out on June 25. It is hoped to be able to start work on the project in the Fall. This project includes improvements to the barn building at Harriet Wetherill Park.

E. Programming

1. New Programs — HWP

Phil Brady reported that new programs have been scheduled for Harriet Wetherill Park with the assistance of the new part-time employee. Registration for two of the summer camps has already been filled.

2. Summer Programs/Camp/Mini People

Phil Brady reported that a seminar had been held with the township's insurance company, and that approval had been received to again run the Mini People Program. This program, for 3-6 year olds, will be held from 9 AM to 12 noon. Staffing will need to be worked to run this program.

3. Plymouth Township Day

A signup sheet was passed around for Board members to volunteer working Plymouth Township Day, which will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Wristbands for participation in the events will be sold this year (no paper tickets as in the past). Prices of the wristbands vary, according to when they are purchased or what events are included. Price categories include: Early Bird Special; Day of the Event; Games Only; and Beat the Clock. The zip line is back this year. There are new inflatables and some new food trucks as well.

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. CSD Middle School Construction

Phil Brady noted that use of fields at Colonial Middle School will be impacted by the upcoming construction of the new school at that location. Football and soccer teams will be the most impacted, with football games probably being moved to East Plymouth Valley Park. It is anticipated that baseball and softball will also be moved to East Plymouth Valley Park in the Spring. Track could possibly be run at JFK Park.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

Mike Perez thanked Phil for the help of his staff in preparation for the upcoming Little League state tournament games.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by and Jason Sugalski and seconded by Shannon Dryden. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary