

## Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

### Minutes of Tuesday, September 24, 2019

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Brian Renneisen, Barbara Thompson, Neil Clark, Mike Perez, Shannon Dryden, and Naomi Winchester; Parks and Recreation Director Karen Franck; Plymouth Township Council Liaison Chris Manero; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board Member Jason Sugalski was not present.

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

#### 1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019, meeting was made by Barbara Thompson. 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 reports for July-2019 and August-2019 were reviewed. Karen Franck reported that the summer camps went very well. Camp GPCC had to limit registration due to a lack of counselors. The budget for next year will include an increase for camp counselor salaries. Splash and Slide (\$75 for 1 month for four persons) also did well, selling 95 passes in July and 120 passes in August.

Karen showed photos from Camp GPCC, Princess Party, Superhero Camp, Family Fun Friday, and campout at Harriet Wetherill Park.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. General Department

1. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan)
  - a. October Presentation by Ann Toole

Ann Toole will be scheduled to meet with Plymouth Township Council prior to submitting the final plan to DCNR. Karen Franck would also like to have Anne

Toole meet with the Parks and Recreation Board sometime in October. Karen will advise on a possible date for this meeting.

## B. Community Center/CC Park

### 1. Roof Replacement Preparations

Karen reported that the sunlights are being worked on, and the pool area has been draped to avoid dust/etc. from work on the roof. The roof above the pool area will be worked on first, then the gym area will be next. Karen expects the work to take 1 1/2 to 2 months to complete.

### 2. Shut Down Week — Follow Up

Karen Franck reported that shut down week went very well overall. The contractor who was working on the slide in the pool did not show up as planned, which required some adjustments in work scheduling. As a result, the water bottle filler was not installed. Rick Carbo will work on getting this done.

## C. Parks and Maintenance

### 1. East Plymouth Valley Concession Stand — Grant Opportunity

Karen Franck stated she was advised of a grant opportunity through the office of Senator Leach. The application for this \$50,000 grant was submitted; and, if received, will be used to renovate the concession stand at East Plymouth Valley Park.

## D. Wetherill Park

### 1. Lowe's and DCED Grant

Karen reported that work on the courtyard area of Harriet Wetherill Park has begun. The cost of materials is being provided through a Lowe's grant, and the cost of installation and labor is being provided through a DCED grant. It is hoped that this project can be completed by the end of this year.

### 2. Programming and Fall

Karen provided a listing of the many programs being held at Harriet Wetherill Park during September, October, and November. Karen noted that the entrance on the parking lot side of the park and the pavilion can still be used during the courtyard area work being done.

## E. Programming

### 1. Semi Private Personal Training

Karen reported on the Semi Private Personal Training now being offered. This training involves groups of 3-5 clients working with a trainer.

### 2. Fall Special Events

The Fall special events include the "Frozen" Princess Party and Flick & Float.

### 3. Veterans Ceremony on November 13, 2019

The Veterans Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 2 PM at the Plymouth Township Service and Devotion Monument. Veterans should contact Lori Fisher at the GPCC to register. Retired police chief Joe Lawrence will be a speaker. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

### 4. Family Fun Fridays

Karen reported that two Family Fun Fridays were held over the summer. The events included inflatables and vendors. The police joined in for the second Family Fun Friday event.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

Neil Clark reported on the large number of spotted lantern flies in the area. Neil noted that spraying will be done in the area,

As an update to previous discussion by the Board concerning adding various options to Plymouth Township Day, Mike Perez reported that he had attended the recent East Norriton Township Day. Mike observed that there were two stages of live music, a beer garden, and food trucks at the event.

Brian Renneisen noted that the Environmental Advisory Board will be holding a tree-planting event on Saturday, November 16, 2019, from 9-11 AM at Harriet Wetherill Park. Brian will send out an e-mail with specific details for any Board member who would like to participate in this event.

## 6. MISCELLANEOUS

Naomi Winchester noted that Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Foundation Day will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 11 AM to 3 PM. The public is invited to attend.

Naomi also inquired if there are any incentives for high school students to participate in service projects or programs. Karen Franck stated that some projects have been done, but not many,

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Mike Perez and seconded by Naomi Winchester. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 , 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom  
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary