

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, January 28, 2020

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Brian Renneisen, Barbara Thompson, Mike Perez, Jason Sugalski, Neil Clark, Shannon Dryden, and Naomi Winchester; Parks and Recreation Director Karen Franck; Plymouth Township Council Liaison Chris Manero; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Neil Clark nominated Brian Renneisen for the position of Chairman-Parks, Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board. This nomination was seconded by Jason Sugalski. There were no further nominations for this position. The Board vote was unanimous in favor of this nomination and Brian Renneisen accepted the position of Chairman-Parks, Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board for 2020.

Neil Clark nominated Jason Sugalski for the position of Vice-Chairman-Parks, Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board. This nomination was seconded by Mike Perez. There were no further nominations for this position. The Board vote was unanimous in favor of this nomination and Jason Sugalski accepted the position of Vice-Chairman-Parks, Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board for 2020.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NEW MEMBER, GUESTS, AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors in attendance.

2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, November 26, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019, meeting was made by Barbara Thompson. This motion was seconded by Brian Renneisen and unanimously approved. The meeting dates for 2020 were reviewed, as being the 4th Tuesday of January, March, April, May, July, September, October, and November.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for December-2019 was reviewed. Karen Franck reported that attendance at swim classes was up slightly, while day passes were down slightly.

Photos from recent events including the Veterans Ceremony, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Breakfast with Santa, Princess Party, and Super Hero Day were shown to the Board.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Goals and Accomplishments

The Board members were provided with the report on the 2019-2020 Goals and Accomplishments. Karen briefly reviewed some of the 2019 Accomplishments, and noted that Silver Sneakers added an additional class, lifeguards were added, the new Kids Zone Program is doing well, a new Harriet Wetherill Park Facebook page was created, and certification was finally received for the Little People pre-school summer program.

Karen noted that 2020 Goals include some additional private training, building a base for community health programs, and projects based on the PROS Comprehensive Plan.

2. PROS Plan Discussion

A copy of the PROS Comprehensive Plan had previously been sent to the Board members. Karen Franck stated that the goals in the plan had been developed together with the consultant. A lengthy discussion by the Board addressed the programs and facilities offered and the demographics that will utilize these programs and facilities. It was further noted that the consultant will focus on the re-branding of the Community Center. Brian Renneisen suggested these discussion continue as the Board members further read through the PROS Comprehensive Plan document.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Roof Replacement

Karen Franck reported that the roof replacement has been completed over the pool and gym areas. Work is continuing on the remainder of the building.

2. Veterans Day and Tree Lighting Thoughts

It was reported that both the Veterans Ceremony and Tree Lighting Ceremony were both well-attended.

Jason Sugalski noted that the pop-up truck area that served the hot chocolate at the Tree Lighting Ceremony was a nice addition. Karen reported that the use of this pop-up truck was donated by the owner of the truck. Karen will be reviewing options for for this event for next year, including the layout of the area.

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

Karen Franck reported that there will be two events to mark the GPCC 20th Anniversary Celebration: March 28, 2020 and April 8, 2020.

The Saturday, March 28, 2020, event will be held from 12 noon to 5 PM. This event will include an open swim, face painting, music, summer camp expo, and prize wheels. The event on the actual 20 year anniversary day, Wednesday, April 8, 2020, will be held from 1 PM to 4 PM and will include a party in the gym and inflatables in the pool. Chris Manero suggested that some 20% off prizes be included in the prize wheels. Karen will contact Board members if volunteers are needed for the events.

C. Parks and Maintenance

1. East Plymouth Valley Park Concession Stand — Grant Timeline

Karen stated that this project will be put out to bid on February 12, 2020. The planned start date for this project is June 1, with an expected completion date of August 15. Karen noted that both the youth baseball and youth football organizations are in agreement with this project timeline. Additionally, both groups have been involved in meetings to provide input and discuss improvements to be made to the concession stand.

D. Wetherill Park

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

This project is in the final stages. Karen explained that the Lowe's funds for this project have already been received, while the DCED funds are provided as a reimbursement of expenses.

2. Tree Planting

Brian Renneisen, Neal Clark, and Chris Manero participated in the planting of eight (8) trees at Harriet Wetherill Park. At this time, Karen does not know if this effort will be undertaken every year.

3. Earth Day Event

An Earth Day Fest is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020; however, the date may be changed since Whitemarsh Township Day is that same day. Naomi Wincester mentioned an Earth Day event held in Ambler which has been well-attended and very successful.

E. Programming

1. New Swim Lesson Format

Karen Franck reported that the new swim format seems to be going well. This new format is for a four-week session, with longer class times than in the past. The sessions are offered for four different age groups.

2. After School Basketball Program

Karen reported that the Afterschool Basketball Program is held from Monday through Thursday. Currently, there are approximately 29 children participating in this program.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No discussion.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Mike Perez asked Karen about the possible use of fields at Colonial Middle School during the current construction. Karen will check for the latest status on this.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Jason Sugalski and seconded by Brian Renneisen. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary