

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, November 23, 2021

An informal (due to the lack of a quorum) meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. The meeting began at 7 PM.

Board members attending were Bryan Renneisen, Shannon Dryden, and Barbara Thompson; Building and Grounds Director Rick Carbo; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board members Naomi Winchester, Mike Perez, Jason Sugalski, and Neil Clark were not in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

There was no review of the minutes for Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

2. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

There was no review of packet materials.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Projects for 2022

Rick Carbo reported that Plymouth Little League will be installing a new batting cage at East Plymouth Valley Park. The batting cage will be installed in the area behind the existing pavilion. The batting cage will be approximately 50' x 70' and will be covered. Completion is expected by Spring-2022.

Bryan Renneisen asked if prior issues with the dugouts at East Plymouth Valley Park had been resolved. Rick Carbo stated that the Field 3 dugout had been replaced, and the Field 1 dugout roof had been reinforced with plywood and bracing.

Rick Carbo noted that there were some recent issues of vandalism and graffiti at East Plymouth Valley Park. The Board discussed ways to curb these incidents at all parks, including help from the community, a "Love Your Park" Day, and motion activated lights. Rick stated that all the township parks have had incidents of vandalism/graffiti at some time.

Rick Carbo also stated that a new outlet flow structure will need to be put in the pond near East Plymouth Valley Park. Rick was not sure whether this project would be budgeted for 2022 or 2023.

2. 2022 Meeting Dates Discussion

A memo listing the meeting dates for 2022 was given to the Board members present. Meetings in 2022 will be scheduled for the months of January, March, April, July, October, and November, for a total of six meetings. There will not be a meeting in June due to Plymouth Township Day being held that month.

All Board members should be reminded of the importance of attending all scheduled meetings, so that quorums can be met.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Projets for Community Center

Rick Carbo reported that the pool pump room (mechanical room) needs to be renovated. Rick is working with engineers now on the plans. Rick is not sure at this time if this project would be done in 2022. The pool would need to be closed for the duration of this project, approximately three months.

C. Parks and Maintenance

1. Alan Wood Playground - 2022

Funds have been received for the replacement of some playground equipment at Alan Wood Park. It is planned for this replacement to be done in 2022.

2. EPV Playground Grant - 2022

Grant funds have been received for the renovation of the playground at East Plymouth Valley Park. It is planned that this project will be done by Spring-2022.

3. CSD Use of Fields

Rick Carbo reported that the Colonial Middle School sports teams have been using the following fields: soccer is using Community Center field, football is using East Plymouth Valley Park field, and track has been using JFK Park field. Rick noted that these same fields will be probably be utilized in the Spring as well.

D. Wetherill Park

Rick reported that the ground crew has been busy with cleanup of trees that were damaged/destroyed during recent storms.

E. Programming

There was no discussion on Programming.

4. NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary