

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, November 22, 2022

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. The meeting began at 6:30 PM.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests present.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, October 25, 2022, meeting was made by Naomi Winchester. This motion was seconded by Mike Perez and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for October-2022 was reviewed. A memo listing the 2023 meeting dates for the Board was also reviewed. Naomi Winchester requested that the following items be added to the meeting topics:

January 25, 2023 meeting: Black History Month 2023
July 26, 2023 meeting: Veterans Day event
October 25, 2023 meeting: Black History Month 2024

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Winter/Spring Brochure

Rick Carbo noted that the Winter Brochure should be out in early December.

2. Youth Sports Summit Recap

The Board discussed vandalism at the parks, an issue that was noted in the Youth Sports Summit recap presented by Naomi Winchester at the October meeting. In particular, vandalism at East Plymouth Valley Park was discussed.

Rick Carbo discussed the issues involved with adding more lighting and/or motion sensors to the park. Rick noted that Field 4 is a common place for vandals to hide in the park, due to its location. Rick also noted that trail cameras (which are portable and battery operated) were used during the installation of the new playground equipment at the park to deter possible vandalism.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Front Doors

Rick Carbo reported that an easier way to lock the front doors is still being investigated.

2. GPCC Statistics

The October-2022 report was included in the Packet Materials and had been reviewed.

C. Parks and Maintenance

1. EPV Playground Ribbon Cutting

The Ribbon Cutting for the new playground equipment was held on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 12 noon. Several Board members and several Plymouth Council members were in attendance at the event.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Programming/Projects

Rick Carbo stated that there were no construction projects scheduled at Wetherill Park for 2023.

E. Programming

1. Announcements

Discussed at October Board meeting.

2. Summer Camp Reports

Discussed at October Board meeting.

3. Black History Month Celebration

This event is planned for February 25, 2023, and will be held in the lobby area of the Community Center.

4. Sponsorship Program

Discussed at October Board meeting.

5. Lighting Contest Judges (12/9 to 12/15)

The lighting contest judging runs from December 9 to December 15, 2022. Phil Brady is working on providing a map/flow plan for the addresses to be judged.

6. Veterans Celebration /Tree Lighting Volunteers

The Veterans Celebration was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. The Tree Lighting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Rick stated that his crew will be placing the lights on the tree next week.

4. NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Shannon Dryden; this motion was seconded by Mike Perez.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary