

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, October 24, 2023

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. The meeting began at 6:30 PM.

Board members attending were Chairman Bryan Renneisen, Members Jason Sugalski, Jennifer McCracken, Naomi Winchester, Sharon Dryden, Neil Clark, and Harshal Dear; Parks & Recreation Program Manager Joanna Sharapan; Council Liaison Karen Bramblett; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom..

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors attending the meeting.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, July 25, 2023

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, July 25, 2023, meeting was made by Jason Sugalski. This motion was seconded by Neil Clark and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The Board reviewed the monthly reports for July, August, and September-2023. Joanna Sharapan reported that the monthly numbers are getting better. The fitness classes are going well. Goat yoga is no longer offered due to lack of an instructor. Some programs that had multiple classes have been reduced to one class due to attendance numbers. Joanna also reported that the sale of yearly passes during the recent 10% discount promotion went very well.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

Joanna Sharapan reported that the Winter brochure will be out sometime during the end of November/early December. Breakfast with Santa, Swim and Dive, and Gingerbread House making will again be offered.

B. Parks and Maintenance

1. Outdoor Pickleball Courts

Phil Brady held a meeting in September with a group of individuals interested in playing pickle ball in the township. Joanna noted that possible locations for playing pickle ball were determined to be JFK Park and Colwell Park. It was decided that JFK Park is located too close to homes. Details are still being worked out, but it appears that two courts at Colwell Park will be lined for pickle ball. Participants will need to bring their own nets. Additionally, any costs associated with the rental of a Porta Potty will need to be paid by the group using the pickle ball courts.

C. Wetherill Park

The Fall Programs held at Harriet Wetherill Park went well. Bryan Renneisen asked Joanna if any weddings had been held at the park. Joanna responded that there have been no requests for weddings, but there have been many photo shoots held at the park.

D. Programming

1. Playground, Camp PCC and Teen Camp

Joanna Sarapan reported that all camps went well and it was a successful summer. It was a struggle to hire counselors for the programs, however. The salary structure for camp counselors was discussed.

2. Holiday Light Contest Timeline

Deadline for registration for the Holiday Light Contest is December 7, 2023. Judging for the contest will run from December 8 to December 18, 2023. Winners will be announced on December 20, 2023. Only houses will be judged; no businesses entered the contest last year.

3. HWP Campfire

Joanna reported that the hayride to be held during the day was rained out. The campfire and hayride held at night went well; there were 45 participants.

4. Tree Lighting/Veterans Day

The Veterans Day ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 2 PM. The ceremony will be held outside near the Service and Devotion Monument. Refreshments will be served inside after the ceremony.

The Tree Lighting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 6 PM. Joanna Sarapan reported that the Plymouth Whitemarsh Jazz Band will provide music. The 3rd Grade Spirit Team from Plymouth Elementary will also provide entertainment.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Joanna requested input on a location for the July-2024 Board meeting. After discussion, it was decided to hold the meeting at Colwell Park.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Jennifer McCracken; this motion was seconded by Shannon Dryden.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Greater Plymouth Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Winterbottom

Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary