

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, October 22, 2013

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were Board members Bill English, Kim Pennington, Joe Stem, Lynda Lawrence, Barbara Thompson, Bridget Sudall, and Pat Ianelli; Parks and Recreation Director Karen Franck; and Council Liaison Maria Weidinger.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 24, 2013, meeting was made by Kim Pennington. This motion was seconded by Joe Stem and unanimously approved.

2. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The Monthly report was reviewed. A motion to approve the report was made by Barbara Thompson and seconded by Pat Ianelli.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Service and Devotion Monument

Karen Franck reported that the dedication is scheduled for November 9th, at 2:00 p.m. Invitations were sent out. Waiting for bricks and pavers to be delivered.

Emily Thomas will present a video storyboard named "911 What's your Emergency" after the devotion.

2. Budget

Karen Franck reported that the Parks and Recreation Department's budget meeting is scheduled for next Monday, October 28th.

3. Get Involved

Karen Franck reported that council will award businesses, individuals and organizations for getting involved through donations and volunteerism at the council meeting on November 11th.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Pool Pak

Karen Franck reported that several bids were submitted. GEM was awarded the contract at \$470,000

2. Playground Repair

Karen Franck reported that the resurfacing of the play area and track is completed.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

1. Karen Franck noted that work is in progress on the monument and the soccer fields, and leaves are being collected in the parks.

2. Joe Stem noted that there is a dead tree at JFK Park which hangs over the tennis court.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Conservation and Management Plan

Karen Franck noted that council has the Conservation and Management Plan. It has not been approved yet.

2. Grant Application

Karen reported that the Parks and Recreation Department has applied for a CFA Act 13 for an entryway, bridge crossing and trails. Applications will be reviewed in late November. The township applied for the maximum amount of \$250, 000 and agreed to match with a higher amount. This was done in order group the facilities that were appealing to the grant program, the County, and was a good phased plan. If we are not successful with this grant application, we hope to reformat the application and apply for the next set of

DCNR grant funding in April, 2014. Should we be successful we are still permitted to apply for the DCNR funding for another portion of the project.

The Natural Lands Trust is working with us to coordinate an updated conservation easement that will work with us being a public entity having public access requirements versus the easement previously agreed upon with a single individual. This will be coordinated with the report approvals, DCNR requirements and our future plans created in the Conservation and Management Plan.

E. Programming

1. Winter

Karen Franck reported that winter programming is in progress.

Fitness Center is looking into personal training involving yoga and pilates.

2. Fall Programs

Ladies Night Out with Einstein Medical Montgomery now replaces Montgomery Hospital Women's Conference.

To coordinate Einstein's schedule and our events, the Health Fair is November 16th. Einstein has been a valuable partner and we would like to continue the coordination of this event.

3. Aquatic Special Events

Karen Franck reported that Pool-O-Ween and not so scary Pool-O-Ween, Swim and Give and Flick and Float will be offered this fall and winter.

4) NEW BUSINESS

None

5) MISCELLANEOUS

A. Council Liaison Report – Maria Weidinger

1. Township departments are applying for grants.

2. Chief Lawrence recognized and thanked the Public Works Department for their work on Fox Memorial. The Public Works was recognized in magazine nationally.
3. Along with the budget, the Council is working on the Pension fund for uniform and non-uniform employees.
4. Double Tree applied for outdoor dining area
5. Trend – tearing down old houses and replacing with two or three homes. New ordinance going into effect to govern these types of applications.
6. Woodrow Associates submitted a two phase proposal for engineering work to be completed at HWP. Council has awarded the first phase.
7. Budget Meetings are this month.
8. First draft of rules and regulations at Service and Devotion Monument.
9. Fundraisers taking place for Service & Devotion Monument including Applebee's Pancake Breakfast, California Pizza Kitchen and Boscov's Friends Helping Friends.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Joe Stem and seconded by Kim Pennington. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Lawrence

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