

Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board

Minutes of Tuesday, November 26, 2013

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at the Plymouth Township Community Center. Present were members Bill English, Joe Stem, Lynda Lawrence, Bridget Sudall, and Barbara Thompson; Parks and Recreation Director Karen Franck; Council Liaison Maria Weidinger; and Board Secretary Rosemary Winterbottom. Board members Pat Ianelli and Kim Pennington were not in attendance.

Chairman Bill English called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2013, meeting was made by Joe Stem. This motion was seconded by Lynda Lawrence and unanimously approved.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

There were no guests or visitors present.

3. DISCUSSION OF PACKET MATERIALS

The monthly report for October-2013 was reviewed. Karen Franck reported that some children's classes were cancelled due to low interest. Lynda Lawrence asked about the possibility of incentives for current Fitness Center members to renew their yearly membership on their anniversary date.

Karen showed the Board photos from Pool-O-Ween, the Brad Fox Basketball Tournament, and the Service and Devotion Monument Dedication.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. General Department

1. Service and Devotion Monument
 - a. Dedication and Forward

Karen Franck reported that the Service and Devotion Monument Dedication took place as scheduled on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

Approximately 300 persons were in attendance at the dedication, and many attended the reception in the Community Center which followed. Orders are still being received for bricks and pavers.

2. Get Involved Recognition

Karen reported that volunteers, business sponsors, and those who provided service to the township were recognized at the Plymouth Council Meeting in early Noember.

3. Plymouth Township Day Report

Bill English thanked Karen for the very detailed Plymouth Township Day Report that had been provided to the Board members.

B. Community Center/CC Park

1. Pool Pak Replacement Installation

Karen Frank reported that the pool pak installation should occur within the next few months.

2. Pass Fees and Rentals

Karen reported that a minimal increase in fees has been implemented for the Community Center passes and rentals.

3. Silver Sneakers

Karen explained that insurance coverage for the Silver Sneakers Program changes every year, and participants are often not sure if their insurance plan will cover the program. This is very confusing for participants who wish to continue to use the Fitness Center.

C. Parks Maintenance/Parks Issues

Joe Stem inquired as to the status of dead tree removal in the parks. Karen will check with Rick Carbo on this issue.

D. Wetherill Park

1. Conservation and Management Study Report

Council has approved the Conservation and Management Study Report.

2. Grant Application – CFA Act 13 Recreation Funding

Karen Franck reported that she was just notified that this \$250,000 grant had been received. Plymouth Township has agreed to match this grant which will be used for an entryway, bridge crossing, and trails.

3. Conservation Easement/Surveying/Winter Thoughts

Woodrow Associates will design the entrance way, parking lot, and trails. Additionally, Woodrow Associates will be completing the surveying for the conservation easement. Asbestos abatement will be done on the main home and cottage on the Wetherill property over the winter.

Karen Franck noted that another grant round will be coming up in April-2014. This grant will also be for \$250,000, which will need to be matched.

E. Programming

1. Winter Planning

Karen reported that Ladies Night Out with Einstein was not as successful as the Montgomery Hospital Women's Conference held in previous years. However, the Health Fair held on November 16, 2013, was a huge success.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report – Maria Weidinger

Council Member Maria Weidinger expressed her appreciation for working with the Parks and Recreation Board these past several years. Maria expressed an interest in continuing to work on Harriet Wetherill Park. The Board members thanked Maria for her enthusiastic participation and her dependable support as Council Liaison to the Board.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Barbara Thompson spoke to the Board about reports from residents on vandalism at Colwell Park. It was suggested that a deer camera or solar lights might alleviate this problem.

Bridget Sudall noted that the path which runs behind the baseball field at East Plymouth Valley Park is very muddy. Karen Frank will check on ownership of this parcel of land.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Lynda Lawrence and seconded by Barbara Thompson.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Winterbottom
Rosemary Winterbottom, Secretary