

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

Park Board Attendees: Sean Moir, Jack Edson, Jim Pettia, Jack Trimmer, Bryan Baynard, Tami Schofield

Board of Supervisors: E.J. Richter

Township Personnel: Hilliary Mallory

Guests: Donna Shipman, Joe Soupik, Damian Ercole

The Minutes of June 8, 2011 were approved.

I. Old Business

Deer Management Report: The meeting with Stoney Run and Chester Valley clubs was held and all rules, guidelines and goals reviewed. Chester Valley has submitted all paperwork. Joe Soupik, president of Stoney Run, attended to submit their paperwork. Sean Moir will sign and file the Township permit for the groups to harvest deer. Steve Grubuski, president of Chester Valley, has forwarded copies of his report formats to Stoney Run to help standardize the reports. Contact information for both organizations is on the website for residents. Mr. Soupik requested some additional hours for one of the deer stands in Mill Road Park. He would like a weekday extension until noon. Aerial photos with distances and safety clearances were presented to clarify location. Motion to approve was passed unanimously, and Sean Moir will ask the Board of Supervisors to approve.

Security Cameras: Jack Edson researched camera options and met with John Dibonaventura and Township Police regarding options to curtail vandalism. The stage and buildings are the primary targets at Wilson Farm Park. The primary damage at the stage is due to skateboarders. Cameras could help, but there is no manpower to monitor, and questions on how to archive for later use. There was discussion of what volume of vandalism will prompt the insurance company to request additional security in the park. East Goshen has resolved bathroom vandalism with time locks. Tredyffrin's Board of Supervisors has previously rejected the time locks due to cost (can be up to \$2000). The Park Board unanimously agreed they need to be proposed again. Jack Edson will follow up with the Supervisors.

II. New Business

Mazie B. Hall Park Equipment: The July fire at the park destroyed the tot lot equipment. Donna Shipman was present to ask about community involvement in the replacement choices and how to speed the process up. Final budget for this project cannot be set until the insurance company settlement is made. The Township has requested that restitution be awarded from the court, but it is uncertain if this will happen.

Budgeting will be tight as replacing the sand would cost approximately \$25,000.00 with rubber chips, less for playground mulch. Removal of the damaged equipment will start as soon as possible.

Friendship Park: The cicada killers in the sand at the Friendship Park tot lot caused that area to be closed for several weeks. The Township is evaluating the cost of replacing the sand with playground mulch to prevent this issue in the future. Herbicides and insecticides are not normally used in the Township parks, however the closing of the tot lot in its peak usage season needs to be avoided.

Leaf Site Volunteers: Volunteers will again be used to staff the Township leaf composting site. Bryan Baynard logged in 36 users on Sunday, September 11 when the site was open for storm cleanup. The goal for the fall is to have the site open every Saturday, 10am to 3pm from Oct. 8th through November 26th.

III. Police Report

No police report was made.

IV. Public Works

Hilliary Mallory made the public works report. They have been very busy with storm cleanup and repair. The rains have also made it difficult to keep up with the grass mowing. Tree work is ongoing. Mill Road park flooded when the upstream dam was damaged, sweeping away the porta-potty.

V. Recreation

The final reports for summer programs was presented by Hilliary Mallory.

- Sponsors for the programs will be recognized at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.
- The last of the summer concerts was delayed and held on 9/11 along with a remembrance ceremony.
- Hilliary Mallory will be following up with the organizers of an ultimate frisbee camp to see if they are still interested in holding their camp in Tredyffrin in 2012.
- Fall tennis will begin on Sept. 18th.
- There are still problems at WFP with the adult soccer players. Enforcement of the requirement to have a permit for 15 or more users may help.
- The Parks Foundation has agreed to sponsor Winter Rec again. The cost for users will still be \$2 per week, payable as a \$24 season ticket. Mimi Gleason is reviewing for final approval, and the Township will be looking for a new director.
- The basketball lights at WFP are working, however the switch was damaged by lightning. A new switch has been ordered.
- The Dream Park funds have been applied to picnic tables for Mill Road park and these are expected to be installed in October.

The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2011 at 7pm.