

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation

Date: November 9, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

Park Board Attendees: Tami Schofield , Joe Barks, Sean Moir, Bryan Baynard, Jack Trimmer, Jack Edson

Township Attendees: Steve Norcini, Fran Pettit, Tom Tartaglio, Bill DeHaven

Guests: Melanie Manning, Joan Capolupo, Dr. Miles, Ms. Myers, Harold Howard, Mrs. Baynard, Mrs. Bittner

The October minutes were read and approved.

The financial report was reviewed.

Ms. Manning and Ms. Capolupo asked the board about starting a volleyball club in cooperation with the Township. Ms. Schofield and Mr. Trimmer explained that the Township does not have access to indoor facilities and that the Township does not sponsor indoor programs. Mr. Edson explained that the procedure would be to go back to the school board or the athletic department at Conestoga High School and get permission from them. Ms. Schofield added that infrastructure is not in place to start such a program. Mr. DeHaven also added that they need to secure gymnasium space and then come back to the board who may be able to help them at that point.

Ms. Myers asked if and when police boxes will be installed in Wilson Park. Mr. DeHaven responded by saying that it is being discussed among the police department and the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Myers then asked about speed bumps being installed at Wilson Park. Mr. Norcini stated that the idea is currently under consideration by the Township.

Ms. Bittner raised her concerns about the fencing at Mazie B. Hall. Mr. Trimmer asked if the group had been involved in the discussions with the neighborhood associations. Mr. Howard expressed that the neighbors thought that the fence was going to be placed on top of the hill near the play area and not around the entire park. Mr. Baynard reiterated the safety concerns related to the fence being placed at the bottom of the hill. Mr. Norcini explained that is standard practice to put a fence on a property line and he said that there are maintenance issues if the fence was put on top of the hill. Dr. Myers asked about the safety of the children in regards to the fence and who is liable if someone gets hurt. A suggestion was made to encircle the playground with a wood post fence. Mr. Norcini asked that the group come to a consensus with the association and the neighbors.

I. Old Business:

A. Field Usage: Mr. Norcini again asked the Park Board to consider limiting the frequency of use for Township fields. Mr. DeHaven responded that if a team or organization plays on a closed field they can be cited for trespassing. Mr. DeHaven also stated that damage to fields and littering can be considered a criminal offense. Mr. Barks suggested that the Township require each league to post a bond to cover any damages that occur. Mr. Edson suggested that the permit revision be bolded and in larger type. There was a discussion about field usage fees charged by other Townships. Mr. Pettit will investigate fees charged by other townships. Mr. Trimmer brought up a field request by the Conestoga High School Rugby Club.

Mr. Norcini stated that the \$32,000 budget request for a dog park will not be included in the 2006 budget. In order for the project to move forward the township will have to schedule public meetings with the neighbors.

II New Business:

A. Police Report: Officer Tartaglio reported on various incidents that occurred in the parks in the last month.

B. Westover Park: The board discussed the issues that were raised at the last Westover public meeting, i.e. full court basketball court and bathrooms.

C. Deer Hunting: Mr. Trimmer read an e-mail from Craig Hacker explaining why the number of deer killed has declined from previous years. Mr. Pettit brought up the incident of the three deer that were found at Radbill that were killed by non-permitted hunters. Mr. Hacker is aware of the incident and is handling it.

D. Fund Raising: Mr. Trimmer stated that the Park Board is still going to push for a 501(C)3 classification in order to raise money for the parks. The board is in favor of having their own memorial brick program. Mr. Pettit will investigate possible brick programs.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Pettit