

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2006

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

Park Board Attendees: Bryan Baynard, Jack Edson, Bruce Jones, Sean Moir, Jim Pettia, Jack Trimmer

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

The December minutes were read and approved.

The financial report was reviewed.

Mr. Pettia opened the Organizational meeting with a motion for nominations for new officers. Jack Trimmer was nominated for Chairman and Jack Edson as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Pettit will continue to record the minutes. A motion was put on the floor for the following committees and proposed committee members:

Facilities - Jack Edson, Bryan Baynard, and Sean Moir.

Programming - Jack Trimmer and Tami Schofield.

Fund Raising - Bruce Jones and Joe Barks.

The motion was voted on and passed. The Organizational meeting was adjourned.

I: Old Business:

Deer Hunt: Mr. Trimmer reported on his recent conversation with Craig Hacker of Suburban Deer Management regarding the reasons for the decline in the number of deer harvested. Mr. Jones asked the board if the township should open the hunt to other groups. The board discussed the suggestion and decided to invite Mr. Hacker to the February meeting to further discuss the issue.

Winter Recreation: Mr. Pettit reported that the winter recreation program is going very well and that there are many children participating.

II: New Business:

Police Report: Officer Tartaglio reported on the recent medical assistance incident at Strafford Park.

Fee Schedule: Mr. Trimmer explained the fee schedule that is currently in place for field rentals. Mr. Jones added that the board fully supports a fee increase at this time and that the question that needs to be answered is whether to implement the increase all at once or in increments over time. Mr. Jones made a motion that the Park and Recreation Board make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the increase that was discussed earlier. The motion was voted on and passed.

Public Works: Mr. Norcini reported that Teegarden 2 and 3 will be closed for the spring and summer season for field maintenance and repair. He again asked that the board limit the use of fields especially at Wilson Farm Park. Mr. Trimmer asked Mr. Pettit to invite representatives of the youth soccer and lacrosse leagues to attend the March Park and Recreation board meeting to discuss field usage and maintenance. Mr. Norcini suggested that the permit be expanded from a one page document in order to spell out the township's restrictions. Mr. Norcini informed the board that the Board of Supervisors voted to rename the Teegarden basketball courts after Paul Olson.

Field Scheduling: Mr. Pettit reported that he has received field requests from each of the youth and adult leagues. He will have the schedule ready within the next two weeks.

Computer Class: The adult computer class for 2006 is scheduled for March 9, 16, 23, and 30. Mr. Pettit will have flyers distributed to each of the libraries as well as putting a notice on the township website and on the public access television station.

Park Donations: Mr. Jones informed the board that the Park and Recreation Board is still interested in creating a 501(C) 3 non profit. He stated that there needs to be more dialogue as to the categories to be included in the 501(C) 3 at the time the board makes it's proposal to the Board of Supervisors in March. He also mentioned that if a 501(C) 3 is not established there are still ways to raise funds but the mechanisms would change. Mr. Moir asked if other townships have a similar fund raising vehicle. Mr. Jones responded that no one locally has a 501(C) 3 but nationally numerous municipalities have an established 501(C) 3.

Trails: Mr. Moir discussed trails.

Mr. Jones asked what the next step is in order to have a public meeting to move the dog park forward. Mr. Norcini responded to Mr. Jones that he would speak with Mimi Gleason.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Pettit