

# **Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 8, 2006

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Tredyffrin Township Building

**Park Board Attendees:** Jack Edson, Bruce Jones, Sean Moir, Jim Pettia,  
Tami Schofield

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

Guests: Craig Hacker, Dave Kilroy, Bob Yannelli

The January minutes were read and approved.

The financial report was reviewed.

Mr. Hacker provided an overview of the deer harvest. Mr. Edson stated that the Park and Recreation Board is looking for ways to increase the number of deer harvested. Mr. Hacker informed the board that although it is better this year, trespassing continues to be a big issue. He explained that trespassing hunters push deer away from where Suburban Deer Management hunt. If deer were undisturbed the harvest would go up. Mr. Hacker mentioned that one of the positives from this year's hunt is that the effort is still there but a downside is the food source changing and other uncontrollable circumstances have affected this year's harvest. The number of members is 35 which are up from previous years. Mr. Hacker will speak with a wildlife biologist about monitoring food and other information that would help increase the harvest, and provide the Park Board with more information at a future Park and Recreation board meeting.

## **I: Old Business:**

**Winter Recreation:** Mr. Pettit reported that the winter recreation program is going very well with an average of 150 students participating each Saturday. On a recent Saturday as many as 240 students attended Winter Recreation. Mr. Pettit brought up the possibility of moving the winter recreation program to Devon Elementary. The board did not support the idea due to Devon Elementary being in Easttown Township, and it is not central to as many students.

## **II: New Business:**

**Police Report:** Officer Tartaglio explained the handout about the deer incidents from the years 2001-2005. The two incidents for the month both involve animals, dogs running loose in Wilson and a stray cat in Mill Road.

**Public Works:** Mr. Norcini reported that the Public Works Department has purchased a 72 inch mower. They also purchased a utility vehicle for use at Wilson Park. He then mentioned that there is enough money in the budget to replace one tot lot surface. He would like to replace one surface at Mazie B. Hall with shredded tire mulch. Mr. Norcini asked the board for its approval. Ms. Schofield suggested calling East Goshen Township to get there perspective on the shredded tire surface.

Mr. Norcini relayed a question from one of the Board of Supervisors who asked what it would cost to keep the bathrooms at Wilson Park open all year round. Mr. Norcini estimates that it would cost \$800.00 a month to heat. Mr. Jones expressed that the real issue is how often the bathrooms will be used in the winter. Ms. Schofield put a motion on the floor to have the bathrooms at Wilson Park closed during the months of November, December, January, and February but have a port-a-potty available in the park. The motion was voted on and passed.

**Field Scheduling:** Mr. Pettit announced that the 2006 field schedule has been finalized and that all of the leagues have been notified.

**Computer Class:** The adult computer class for 2006 is scheduled for March 9, 16, 23, and 30. As of this meeting two people have signed up. Mr. Pettit has distributed flyers to each of the libraries, Surrey Services for Seniors, and the Wayne Senior Center as well as putting a notice on the township website and on the public access television station.

**Community Day:** Mr. Pettit informed the Board that Homecoming for Conestoga High School is the weekend of September 29, 2006. After discussion the Board decided that if Conestoga High School would like to do something in cooperation with the township, Community day would be September 30, 2006 and if not it would be the week before on September 23, 2006.

**Summer Programs:** Mr. Pettit informed the Board that the children at Teegarden Day Camp have no place to go in the event of inclement weather because of construction at T/E Elementary and Middle Schools. One suggestion was to contact Woodlynde School or Our Lady of Assumption to possibly use their facilities. Ms. Schofield suggested that unless it rains for three days camps will be cancelled. The Board agreed with Ms. Schofield.

**Committee:** Mr. Norcini stated that he is looking at a day in May or June to have the first dog park meeting. He then informed the board that one of the board of supervisors inquired about playground for handicapped children. The board agreed that it is something the township

should consider. Mr. Norcini will check out the equipment in Downingtown. He then mentioned that Yost, Strodoski, Mears will present their Pre-Final plan for Westover park to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Monday, February 27, 2006. He asked that as many of the Park and Recreation board members as possible be in attendance.

**Trails:** Mr. Moir discussed trails.

Mr. Jones handed out and explained his findings and recommendations needed for the 501C (3) before it is presented to the Board of Supervisors.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Pettit