

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

**Date:** January 9, 2008

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

**Place:** Tredyffrin Township Building

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

**Township Attendees:** Steve Norcini, Tom Tartaglio

**Guests:** None.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Schofield.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of December 12, 2007 were reviewed, changes were made, and the revised minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Election of Officers:** The slate of nominees from the previous meeting was reviewed. By unanimous vote each of the following officers were elected for 2008: Tami Schofield, chair; Jack Edson, vice-chair; Bruce Jones, secretary.

**I. Financial Report:** No report was given.

### **II. Old Business**

**Dog Park Public Meeting:** The Board discussed the planning for an enclosed dog exercise area at Teegarden Park. As agreed in prior meetings, a public meeting was to be scheduled. Based on planning and availability of a meeting room, the earliest date was the first week in April 2008. Discussion turned to advertising notice of that meeting. Mrs. Schofield asked that the draft survey to be part of the public meeting be reviewed again by the Board. Mr. Jones will continue working with Mr. Norcini and Mr. Puelo on the planning and public meeting arrangements.

**Westover Park Work Group:** Mrs. Schofield clarified that this group is for near-term planning and not a standing committee. The work group will include resident representatives from the area around Westover Park. After the consultant is available, more public meetings will be held. Mr. Norcini described planning activities. Mrs. Wright and Mr. Edson volunteered to serve on the work group as representatives of the Park Board.

**Deer Management:** No report was given.

**Chester Valley Trail:** Mr. Moir reported on recent plans and discussions. The first phase of construction will start in 2009 and finish in 2010. It will be an 8 mile

section running from Exton Park in West Whiteland to the border of Montgomery County and Chester County, by Devon Park, where it will join the already completed section in Montgomery County. About 5 miles of this section will be inside Tredyffrin Township, with a possible connection to L.A.D. Park.

**Crabby Creek Park Management Plan:** Comments from residents brought the issue of possible dumping of trash in the Park to the Board's attention. Discussion followed on restoration. It was noted that the future sewer project coming will disturb large sections of park. The need for restoration was discussed in relationship to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Moir volunteered to draft a vision statement for Crabby Creek Park and suggested that other such plans should be created for the other parks.

**Police Report:** Mr. Tartaglio reported on the full year of 2008 with summary data. Highlights were as follows: 80 incidents reported in all Tredyffrin parks; and of the total, 30% were crime related, and 40% were calls for services not crime related. The remaining 30% were unremarkable for the Board's purposes. Mr. Tartaglio noted that park signage has help enforcement.

**Public Works Report:** In Mr. Puelo's absence, Mr. Norcini gave an informal report on departmental activities.

**Recreation Report:** Mrs. Mallory was not available at the meeting, so there was no report. Mrs. Schofield asked Mr. Edson to attend the January 15, 2008 field permitting meeting on behalf of the Board.

### **III. New Business**

**Comprehensive Plan:** Copies of the Comprehensive Plan were distributed prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued on the how this Plan and the 2005 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS) related. The Board concurred that the PROS was complimentary to and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and that the PROS served as a more detailed guide for daily decision making by Parks and Recreation. The themes of conservation, interconnection and development of parks and recreational facilities were discussed. Mrs. Schofield stated that Mrs. Wright would prepare a statement of Parks and Recreation's comments for the Board of Supervisors meeting in February.

**Wilson Farm Park Future Plans:** Mrs. Schofield reviewed the discussion at last meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Discussion followed on alternative plans. Mr. Norcini asked for a priority list before January 21, 2008. Mrs. Schofield asked the Board members to send their ranking of priorities to her before January 14; she then would compile the priorities and forward them to Mr. Norcini.

**2009 Budget Planning:** A 5-year capital planning document was distributed by Mr. Norcini and he explained its use by his department. He asked for input on longer-term projects. As a starting point, Mrs. Schofield asked that comments be relate to priorities in the PROS. Discussion followed. One topic discussed was the proposed design and

location of a Garrison Flag pole and memorial to Township veterans, and it was the Board's opinion that the entrance to Wilson Farm Park at Lee Road should be considered as a location.

**Committee Discussions:** There were no formal committee reports.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Jones