

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

**Date:** May 14, 2008

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

**Place:** Tredyffrin Township Building

**Park Board Attendees:** Jack Edson, Jack, Bruce Jones, Careen Wright, Jim Pettia, Sean Moir, Bryan Baynard, Joe Barks, Jack Trimmer

**Township Attendees:** Hillary Mallory, John DiBuonaventuro, Tom Tartaglio

**Guests:** Durell Moore (recreation program director), Sea Kaplan (dog park), Pattye Benson (Jones Log Barn)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edson

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of April 9, 2008 were reviewed and approved, with minor change, by unanimous vote.

**Introduction of Durell Moore:** Mrs. Mallory introduced Mr. Moore as the new director for the summer basketball league. Discussion ensued on immediate plans and the aspiration to increase participation in the league. Mr. Trimmer offered himself, Mr. Barks and Mr. Baynard as resources to help. The Board welcomed Mr. Moore.

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

### **II. Old Business**

**Park Reports:** Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported on recent discussion and action by the supervisors regarding: additional parking at Wilson Farm Park (WFP), the prior grant monies for WFP as applied to the Shire Pavilion improvements, the cost of converting one basketball court at WFP to multi-use. Further discussion of park reports was held during the budget planning and prioritization. The Board of Supervisors has put the proposed Park Foundation on its June 16, 2008 agenda, per Mr. DiBuonaventuro.

**New Pocket Park on Chestnut Avenue:** Mrs. Wright will seek additional input from Mr. DeHaven on alternate names for the park prior to concluding.

**Jones Log Barn:** Mrs. Benson presented an overview and update on the plans for this regional history center. A site plan has been filed. The timetable is to start construction no later than 2009. The estimated construction costs are \$350,000 all provided by private donations and grant funds. Further information for the public can be found at [www.TredyffrinHistory.org](http://www.TredyffrinHistory.org).

**Dog Enclosed Exercise Area:** Mr. Kaplan asked what the Board's decision was after the April 3 public meeting. Mr. Jones explained the Board's decision to table the current plans and to study further the utilization and location issues for a "dog park."

### **III. New Business**

**Land Stewardship Opportunities:** Mrs. Wright said that the policy of not using herbicides, while correct, necessitates some plan for controlling invasive plants. Having volunteers do weeding and cutting is desirable, but will require organization, oversight and even funding. In the meantime, something needs to be done. Mr. Edson suggested that the Park Board bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Supervisors, while continuing to investigate alternatives.

**Budget Planning and Prioritization:** Discussion ensued on a draft list of priorities. Each member reviewed their assigned parks and their recommendations. The attached "Tredyffrin Parks and Recreation Board Priorities," dated May 14, 2008, was the result.

### **IV. Reports**

**Police Report:** Mr. Tartaglio reported on April 2008.

**Public Works Department Report:** Mrs. Mallory reported on recent activities: (i) the WFD pond has been stocked with fish; (2) two informational signs about the wetlands at WFP have been installed; and (3) field maintenance is underway.

**Recreation Report:** Mrs. Mallory reported on recent activities: (i) in the future, permits for activities will caution about use of loud speakers before 9 AM in order to respect the neighbors; (2) summer camp registrations are going well; (3) Community Day has been set for 9-27-09; the movie night will be 8-14-08 in WFP. The Board discussed participating in the Staples Dream Park contest; agreed on participation, with WFP as the Tredyffrin entry; and asked Mrs. Mallory to proceed with the application.

**Committee Discussions:** There were no formal committee reports with the exception of topics above.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Jones