

## Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 9, 2008

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

**Place:** Tredyffrin Township Building

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

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

**Guests:** Brian Chidster and David Noad (girls' softball)

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of May 14, 2008 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote. As there was no quorum for the meeting scheduled for June 11, 2008, no meeting was held.

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

### II. Old Business

**Girls Softball Field:** Mrs. Mallory reviewed the evaluation of alternatives for add one additional softball field at Teegarden Park. The alternatives were re-opening field #3 or skinning field #4. The Board's consensus was that putting #3 back into use is the best of alternative. Mrs. Mallory noted that she would still have scheduling issues with TESA and the Conestoga Generals using the field part of the year for practice because the softball fields use the corners of the field. Mr. Puelo spoke about the cost estimates: the cost for materials is \$3,000 to \$5,000 for re-opening field #3. His staff could provide the labor, but the department does not have this budget amount available in 2008. The field is needed for fall 2009. The Board agreed to ask the leagues if they can contribute funding of this work (\$4,000 minimum) and to advise Mr. DiBuonaventuro of this need to see if the Board of Supervisors (BoS) has any other ideas for funding the work.

**Park Reports:** The Park Board discussed: (i) A resident's letter regarding tennis signage which states rules (e.g., dogs, tennis shoes, age of players during time slots). The majority of these topics are covered by existing rules and which are posted. Mr. Puelo was asked to verify that the posted rules were in good order. Teegarden Park and LAD Park were to be of particular focus. Even with posted rules, there will be difficulty with enforcement during all hours of each day. (ii) A water fountain and a basketball basket at the south end of Friendship Park needed to be inspected and possibly repaired. (iii) The possible effect of construction in process to move Cedar Hollow road and bridge (east-

west in front of the Cedar Hollow Park) was discussed. (iv) Also discussed was the status of Westover Park.

**Park Non-Profit Foundation:** Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported on recent discussion and action by the BoS regarding the Foundation. The BoS voted to approve the Foundation as recommended, with certain changes to the by-laws and operating agreement. The BoS will give final approval when the operating agreement is finalized and reviewed which is expected to be by the end of summer. One of the BoS' concerns was discussed and will be addressed: the BoS does not want to see the Park Foundation raising money for any projects which has not previously been approved.

**New Pocket Park on Chestnut Avenue:** To further talks about a name for the park, Mrs. Wright has attempted to reach Mr. DeHaven who has been out with illness. She reported that she sent background to Mr. DeHaven. Mr. DiBuonaventuro will contact Mr. DeHaven also in order to continue the process.

**Dream Park Contest:** Mrs. Mallory reported that the Township submitted its entry on time, but she was unsure whether it had been accepted. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that the entry focus on Mill Road Park. Mrs. Mallory will follow up on the entry.

**Land Stewardship Opportunities:** Mrs. Wright will address this topic again at the next meeting.

### **III. New Business**

**Cradles-to-Crayons Program:** The Shire Corporation wants to have an event to support this program. Materials on the program were distributed with the agenda. Discussion ensued. The Park Board agreed to strongly endorse the idea of having Shire host an event supporting the program in Wilson Farm Park. Mrs. Mallory will follow up with Shire.

**Shire Pavilion Enhancements:** Mrs. Schofield addressed the status of this topic. Per an email from Mr. Norcini, the Township is trying to fast track the final design concepts for staging. A meeting is coming up to choose a staging concept. Park Board members are invited to attend.

**Summer Recreation Program:** Enrollment is about same as in prior years, Mrs. Mallory reported, even though it appears low at the start. It will increase as the summer progresses. She said the biggest reason for the slow start for enrollment was many alternative activities competing with summer camp.

### **IV. Reports**

**Police Report:** Mr. Tartaglio reported on the months of May and June, 2008.

**Public Works Department Report:** Mrs. Mallory reported on recent activities: (i) standard summer-time maintenance is ongoing; (ii) wall graffiti is becoming a problem in Wilson Farm Park restrooms; (iii) surfaces of tennis and basketball courts at five parks are going to be resealed and repainted starting July 10; and (iv) new fencing is being installed along culverts in Wilson Farm Park.

**Recreation Report:** Mrs. Mallory reported on recent activities: (i) the new tri-fold advertiser for summer events 2008 has been completed (copies were distributed); (ii) all summer camps are up and running; (iii) the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event was successful in spite of rain; and (iv) Mimi asked for ideas on recognizing volunteers who work with our recreational programs.

**Committee Discussions:** The Sidewalks, Trails and Paths Committee (STAP), as Mr. Moir reported, is now officially a committee by action of the BoS. He also reported that the sidewalk project around Conestoga Road is on hold due to budgetary concerns.

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 September 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Jones