

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

**Date:** January 14, 2009

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

**Place:** Tredyffrin Township Building

**Park Board Attendees:** Tami Schofield, Jack Edson, Jack Trimmer, Carreen Wright, Sean Moir, Jim Pettia, Beth Brake, Bryan Baynard

**Township Attendees:** John DiBuonaventuro, Officer John Dimaio, Hilliary Mallory, Steve Norcini

**Guests:** Craig Hacker and Tony Tecce from Suburban Deer Management

**Call to Order:** Mrs. Schofield called the meeting to order. A temporary chair (Jack Trimmer) was appointed for the election of new officers. The slate: Chairman: Jack Edson; Vice-Chair: Tami Schofield and Secretary: Carreen Wright was approved by unanimous vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of December 10, 2008 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

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

### **II. Old Business**

**Suburban Deer Management:** Craig Hacker and Tony Tecce reported that as of January 10<sup>th</sup> 66 deer had been harvested (63 does and 3 bucks). The breakdown by park is as follows: 17 Richards Road; 17 Mill Road Park; 14 Crabby Creek Park; 10 Cedar Hollow Park and 8 Radbill Park. The total of 66 versus last year's total of 72 can be explained by a decline in the harvest in Richards Road. Richards has experienced almost a 50 percent decline from last year (31 versus 17). Reasons given for the decline include a declining habitat and area for bedding and browsing. In addition there was construction on Gulph Road and no baiting occurred due to neighborhood opposition. January 24<sup>th</sup> is the end of hunting season. There was a discussion about the size of Suburban and their policies for admitting new members as well as coverage and scheduling.

### **III. New Business**

**501c3 Initial Meeting:** Carreen Wright and JD stated that the initial, introductory meeting of the new board was held with all new board members, Board of Supervisors John DiBuonaventuro and Judy DiFilippo, and Mimi Gleason and Steve Norcini from the township present.

**Summer Concert Series/Community Day:** Steve Norcini stated that funding was still necessary to be able to hold a summer concert series in Wilson Park. Likewise, Community Day

needs to be funded this year. One idea is to contact the local civic associations and see if they would be willing to contribute to either of these events.

**Field Scheduling:** Ms. Mallory stated that the scheduling meeting went smoothly. Jack Trimmer and Steve Norcini were in attendance. There were a few conflicts that need to be worked out by the sports organizations but the three main softball/baseball organizations worked well together. Joe Barks also made a presentation to the organizations about the new 501c3 park foundation.

**Dog Problem/Wilson Park Letter:** A copy of a letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors was distributed and discussed. The issue is the increasing number of dog incidents/complaints occurring mostly in Wilson Park. A letter written in response to the situation by Superintendent Chambers was also distributed by Officer John Dimaio to the board. The intention is to begin to enforce the ordinances regarding dogs in Tredyffrin parks as a first step. JD will respond to the letter from Tina Collins and explain the enforcement parameters.

#### **IV. Reports**

**Police Report:** Officer Dimaio presented the police report for the month of December and a special report prepared for the board on deer accident statistics for the past two years.

**Public Works Department Report:** Mr. Norcini updated the band/shelter for the stage and Jack Edson said that there was a broken tree in Teegarden Park that needed attention.

**Recreation Report:** Mrs. Mallory reported on recent activities: (i) scheduling of the fields is complete; (ii) she is creating sponsorship levels; and (iii) winter rec is up and running smoothly.

**New Park Assignments for January '09 to December '09:** *Cedar Hollow:* Tami; *Friendship:* Beth; *Lad:* Jack E.; *Mill Road:* Carreen; *Mazy B:* Bryan; *Radbill:* Sean; *Strafford:* Joe; *Teegarden:* Jack E.; *Westover:* none; *West Valley:* Jack T.; *Woodbyne:* Bryan; *Bocce Grove:* Carreen; *Wilson:* Jim and Jack T. and *Valley Forge tennis courts:* Jim.

**New Committee Assignments:** All assignments hold except that Beth Brake is now on the fundraising committee with Joe Barks and Carreen Wright.

**Additional Business:** Carreen Wright reported on the status of the EAC's definition of passive open space or passive recreation in open space. She did not have a new draft to share with the board yet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carreen Wright

