

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

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

Township Attendees: Hilliary Mallory, Charlie Puleo, John DiBuonaventuro

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of February 11, 2009 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

Assignment: Board members are to walk their assigned parks in the next two months and report to the board.

I. Financial Report: No report was reviewed.

II. Old Business

EAC Open Space/Passive Recreation Definition: Ms. Wright distributed the EAC approved definition for passive recreation in open space and the recommendations regarding where this definition should be applied. Board members discussed the definition and agreed to support the definition of open space intended for passive recreation. However, the second half of the document (recommending property to be limited) raises procedural issues that board members felt should be dealt with by the Board of Supervisors.

501c3: Joe Barks reported that the documents to establish a 501c3 entity have been submitted and the board plans to meet on March 24, 2009 at 7pm in the township building.

III. New Business

Trail funding/government: Mr. Edson mentioned the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources had issued grant applications. No projects were proposed as prospective grant ideas.

IV. Reports

Police Report: There was no formal police report for the month of February.

Public Works Department Report: Mr. Puleo reported that: (i) Vandalism occurred in Wilson Park over the weekend – a picnic table was vandalized and a grate was thrown down the hole it covered; (ii) all of the park bathrooms are open; (iii) the Shire stage will go out to bid at the end of March, the job should be awarded in April and the completion date is the end of June; (iv) public works has been busy grooming some fields, removing trash/leaves and general clean-up.

Mr. Pettia inquired about the cracks in the Valley Forge tennis courts and whether or not they were going to be repaired. He also asked about the status of the area in Wilson Park between the animal structures and the all abilities playground. Mr. Pettia has brought it to the attention of Steve Norcini and was told that a path would be put in place so the children did not have to go through the mud.

Ms. Schofield questioned the use of basketball lights in Wilson Park during the months that the park is closed. Mr. Puleo responded that the lights are on a timer switch that can be activated manually by anyone who wants to use the courts.

Recreation Report: Mrs. Mallory reported on recent activities: (i) Winter rec has concluded with no injuries and another successful year; (ii) the computer classes are all full to capacity. The first class was snowed out but re-scheduled; (iii) spring permits begin Saturday 3/14 but the fields are not open yet. The teams resolved all scheduling conflicts and the Recreation Director did not have to get involved; (iv) five summer concerts have been scheduled for this year. The first is on July 9th – The Teddy’s and the last is August 6th – Janis Nowlon Orchestra and in between Mowtown, Chico’s and Yasi and the Superdads; (v) All board members have been invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new solar panel on the concession stand in Wilson Park – Tuesday 3/17 at 9am in the park.

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

Additional Business:

Ms. Wright raised the question of how the board was going to figure out how to spend the \$5,000 award money for Mill Road Park. **All Board members are to develop ideas for the use of the \$5,000 in Mill Road Park and bring these ideas to the next meeting.**

Ms. Schofield raised the issue of the new township sign at the entrance to Friendship Civic Association neighborhood on Route 252. Supervisor DiBuonaventuro presented the history of the sign project and stated for the record that he did not want the sign posted but preferred that the funds be earmarked for the sign be transferred for a automated notification system. Ms. Schofield stated that the Friendship Civic Association will attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting to address the matter.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carreen Wright