

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

Park Board Attendees: Jack Edson, Jack Trimmer, Sean Moir, Jim Pettia, Joe Barks

Township Attendees: John DiBuonaventuro, John DiMaio, Charles Puleo

Guests: None

Call to Order: Mr. Edson called the meeting to order.

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

I. Old Business

Open Space Definition/Rewrite to EAC: Carreen Wright, as the Board's liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), was not in attendance to report on any further developments regarding the ongoing discussions between the Park & Rec. Board and the EAC about the proposed Open Space definition, and specifically the Park & Rec. Board's concerns (as outlined in the March 11 Park & Rec. Board meeting minutes) about the procedural issues currently contained in the EAC's proposed definition. Mr. DiBuonaventuro reemphasized that all of the input by both groups would only be advisory and that the Board of Supervisors would ultimately finalize, approve and implement the definition.

Suggestion for Staples Dream Park winnings: Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported that he will continue to pursue having the \$5,000 award for Mill Rd. Park diverted to the Foundation for disbursement. Mr. Puleo said he would look into how now having the Foundation allocate funds might affect future billing, payment and accounting procedures for vendors doing work for Township projects.

Suggested possible uses for the funds at Mill Rd. included improvements to the parking lot, a water fountain, or erecting netting to help keep balls from some of the fields from going into the creek along Duportail Rd. It was agreed that specific proposals should be costed out after efforts to move the awarded funds to the Foundation are pursued and completed.

501c3 Update/Seeding Money-Requests to Rep. Drucker and Sen. Dinniman: Mr. Barks and Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported that they are continuing to pursue discussions for seed money for the Foundation with the offices of local state legislators. Rep. Drucker's office has requested a letter, which Mr. Barks will prepare and Mr. DiBuonaventuro will approve/endorse. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the goal should be to request \$10,000 in supporting funds from each office.

II. New Business

501c3/Guidance for Projects and Funding to the Foundation: The Foundation requested in its March meeting that the Park & Rec. Board provide a list of potential initial projects for the next Foundation meeting, which is scheduled for late May (after the Park & Rec. Board's May meeting). It was agreed that Public Works' ongoing priority list could be used as the basis for this, and that the list would be reviewed at the May Park & Rec. Board meeting, with additional suggestions also gathered, to then be presented to the Foundation at its May meeting.

WREN Grant: Mr. Puleo reported that grant money is being pursued through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Water Resources Education Network (WREN) that could provide funds for additional signage in Wilson Park. It was suggested that this could also be another function of the Foundation, to coordinate grantwriting duties and proposals of this nature. Mr. Moir said he would contact officers of the EAC, which has been working with the Township on the WREN proposal, to see if the application could now be made through the Foundation.

This item also prompted a brief discussion about whether signage prohibiting fishing in the Wilson Park pond is needed.

Sunday AM permits/Tiered fee structures: Mr. Barks reported that he has seen an increase in organized adult sports activity on Sunday mornings at Wilson Park, including a group that he found out, after inquiring, was conducting a baseball clinic on the 90-foot baseball diamond. A motion was made, and passed unanimously, to revisit the policy of not issuing permits for Sunday morning time slots. It was also agreed to review fee structures for permits issued for parties that conduct for-profit clinics on Township fields. With Ms. Mallory not in attendance at this meeting, these discussions were then tabled until the May meeting.

III. Reports

Police Report: Officer DiMaio reported on several recent incidents that Township police had responded to in Township Park facilities.

Public Works Department Report: Mr. Puleo reported that the Shire Pavilion bandshell project had been awarded to the same vendor that constructed the all-abilities playground at Wilson Park, and that construction was proceeding so that the Pavilion will be ready for this year's Concert Series. He also reported on projects at Strafford Park playground and provided an update on the success of the composting sites for the time they were open this spring.

Recreation Report: None given.

Additional Business: Mr. Puleo distributed a map of Teegarden Park and reported that the Township is pursuing grant money for a Best Management Practices retrofit that would reduce stormwater runoff from Trout Creek by installing impervious surfaces at Teegarden, initially by installing porous pavement in the parking lot and also creating a

bio-retention area in the form of a rain garden. Eventually the project could also include porous surfaces for the park's walkways and playing courts. The Park & Rec. Board was asked to consider drafting a letter of support for the grant proposal, which would be needed after the Park & Rec. Board's May 2009 meeting.

Officer DiMaio provided information about the upcoming Chester Valley Sportsman's Youth Trout Derby, to be held May 1-2 on Darby Creek at Saw Mill Park, and asked members of the Park & Rec. Board to help publicize the event.

There was also a brief discussion about establishing a trail through Teegarden and the Field of Dreams; it was suggested that this could also be added to the list of potential projects for the 501c3 Foundation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Barks