

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

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

Township Attendees: Hilliary Mallory, Steve Norcini, John DiMaio

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of May 13, 2009 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

I. Financial Report: No report was reviewed.

II. Old Business

For-profit Groups Field Usage without Permit: Jack Trimmer presented his Motion: Recommend a Township Ordinance to require a separate Park Permit for any for-profit organization. A discussion followed on the merits of the motion and the definition of for-profit. The board approved the motion with the caveat that Ms. Mallory need to determine the appropriate fee schedule for this new category of permits should it be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The next step is to finalize the wording of the motion and submit it to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

501c3: Jack Edson reported on the recent meeting of the Park Foundation Board. It was primarily an organizational meeting.

SOP for dedicated or donated items in the parks: Carreen Wright outlined proposed guidelines for the dedication/donation of benches and trees in the parks. First, she requested that each of the park board members inventory the benches and their locations in the member's assigned parks. They were asked to note if any of the benches already had plaques on them. The proposed SOP is as follows:

1. Name all existing benches in the parks before the township begins to purchase new benches for dedication/donation. A plaque prototype already exists.
2. Identify up to four trees for dedication plaques in each of the parks except in Wilson Park that needs to have 4-8 trees identified. Exhaust all of the trees before the purchase of any new trees occurs. Once the township gets to the purchase phase, identify 1-2 native, under story trees and possible locations to plant these new trees in each park. The cost of dedication/donation of the trees will need to include the cost of the tree, plaque, labor and any materials necessary for the planting.

Crabby Creek Bridge: Steve Norcini stated that John DiBuonaventuro was questioning the cost of the bridge that is estimated at \$25,000+. The board discussed the history of the bridge replacement and the actual need for the site. The board decided that the bridge could be moved to the next fiscal year if there was a safe way to cross Crabby Creek in the vicinity of the old bridge. Sean Moir volunteered to talk to Pete Goodman of Trout Unlimited about the potential alternative solutions and report back to the board.

III. New Business

Recycling at Park/Grant: Beth Brake reported that she has identified a grant program sponsored by Coca Cola that provides recycling bins to successful grant requests. The grant cycle is closed for this year but Ms. Brake will keep the board posted on the next opportunity to apply.

Skate Park: Tabled until July 2009.

Sean Moir presented information on the National Park Service trail “Assistance Program” and will follow-up with the board at a later date.

Naming the gazebo at Wilson Park in honor of Judy DiFilippo will be on the July agenda.

IV. Reports

Police Report: Officer DiMaio reported that there were 14 incidents during the month of May. In addition, there have been multiple incidents of township equipment being vandalized at Mill Road Park (upper field).

Public Works Department Report: Mr. Norcini reported that: (i) the stage in Wilson Park is on schedule. The concrete portion is done and the band shell construction starts on 6/15; (ii) the sign is up in Bocce Grove.

Recreation Report: Mrs. Mallory reported on recent activities: (i) She is still registering camps; (ii) there are new background checks for all township camp employees that have presented an additional challenge this summer; (iii) July 4th is all set with a band playing at 7pm and fireworks after dark; (iv) the contact for information to get an item in the newsletter (which only comes out two times per year now) is EJ. All requests should be directed to her; (v) a letter has been received from a donor that would like to establish tennis backboards in the basketball courts in Wilson Park. The board did not reject the idea and requested cost information be presented before further discussion; (vi) The Philadelphia Folk Festival requested that a plaque be placed in Wilson Park to honor the fact that Wilson was the site of the very first Philadelphia Folk Festival. The board did not reach a decision at this time.

Park Reports: Jack Edson reported that the yellow plastic cover on top of the fence at Teegarden is broken in several places.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carreen Wright