

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

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

Township Attendees: Hilliary Mallory, Charlie Puleo, John DiMaio, John DiBuonaventuro

Guest: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 8, 2009 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

I. Financial Report: No report was reviewed.

II. Old Business

Tennis Backboard at Wilson Park: The prospective donor, Pamela Ciccantelli is not interested in funding a tennis backboard at this time if it is not located in Wilson Park.

For-profit Groups Field Usage without Permit: John DiBuonaventuro stated that he had witnessed groups on a Sunday evening and asked the status of the discussions on this topic. The Board debated the language for the for-profit motion. The consensus was that the language should be as simple as possible.

Bench Count in parks: Carreen Wright stated that the count is complete and she will send the report to the board and to Hilliary Mallory.

Recycling at Park/Grant: Beth Brake stated that the grant organization is not accepting applications at this time.

Wilson Park Gazebo Dedication: Tmai Schofield made the following motion:

Judy DiFillipo should be officially recognized for her many years of service to the township in particular her vision for, and subsequent establishment of, Wilson Farm Park. The Park Board would like to dedicate/name the gazebo in Wilson Farm Park in honor of Judy DiFillipo.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. John DiBuonaventuro plans to introduce this motion at the October Board of Supervisor meeting. He will propose that the presentation to Judy DiFillipo be made in December. Two items will be presented: (1) the actual plaque for the gazebo; and (2) a miniature version of the plaque as a keepsake.

III. New Business

Garrison Flag Dedication: John DiBuonaventuro announced that the garrison flag dedication ceremony would be held on Saturday, September 26th at noon. Participants will begin to gather between 10:30 and 11:30 am.

Community Day: Mrs. Mallory announced that community day was cancelled due to lack of funds.

Summer Day Camp Locations: Mrs. Mallory presented the proposal that the summer camp location move from Teegarden Park and Wilson Park to only Wilson Park in 2010. She reiterated Steve Norcini's pros and cons of the proposal including: Wilson is in the center of the township; parking would be easier and safer; less staff would be required; only one entertainment fee would be incurred; and the pavilions, rest rooms, stage and sound system are all available to the campers. However, there is less shade at Wilson than at Teegarden. Mrs. Mallory requested that this topic be revisited in January so that it could tentatively be on the February Board of Supervisor agenda.

Create Sponsorship Levels: Mrs. Mallory stated that finding sponsors for recreational activities like Community Day has become increasingly difficult. Sponsors' now require defined need levels and clearly articulated benefits. Mrs. Mallory requested that the board fundraising committee develop a draft of needs/benefits by January 2010.

Hours for Path Lighting: Mr. Puleo requested input on the hours that the paths should be lit. The following motion was made and passed by unanimous vote:

During Daylight Savings Time the path lights are turned off at 10pm. The rest of the year the lights are turned off at 8 pm.

IV. Reports

Police Report: Officer DiMaio reported that there were 9 incidents in July and 13 incidents in August (5 in Wilson Farm Park).

Public Works Department Report: Mr. Puleo reported that: (i) there has been damage in the area around Wilson Park pond – lights were damaged; (ii) this year has been the heaviest grass cutting year ever; and (iii) Public Works is busy trimming trees in the parks. Sean Moir thanked Public Works for repairing an extensive gully on one of the paths into Crabby Creek.

Recreation Report: Mrs. Mallory presented reports on summer activities -- camp, sports leagues, and the concert series:

Another successful summer of the Tredyffrin Township Camp programs has come to a close. Over all 1676 children attended our camps and 80 young adults were employed in our camps. Three full scholarships were granted for Day Camp and 3 sports camp scholarships for both weeks of camp were issued. The Day Camp Program lost two days of camp to rain and the Hockey and Lacrosse Camps had to move inside TE Middle School for one day the first week of camp. Attendance for Day Camp was down 99 campers while the sports camps enrollment was up 20 campers this summer. We had no serious injuries to report and no damage to any facilities.

Tredyffrin Township Summer Basketball League saw their enrollment jump 11 players and the number of teams increased from 6 to 7. The Season began with an Open Run on June 29th for the coaches to select the teams and began play on Wednesday July 1. The regular season games were officiated by one PIAA referee and two for the playoffs and Championship Game. A 3 v 3 tournament was added to week 5 for players enrolled in the league as well as those who did not play in the league. We had all five coaches' return from last year and added one parent coach. This year's champions are the Celtics.

Tredyffrin Township's Summer Concert Series continues to generate a following. Although we were only able to provide 5 concerts this summer the attendance for the shows averaged 800 people. One of the concerts had to be rescheduled 2 times, and one show was delayed roughly a half an hour due to rain. A 4year old boy had to be transported to Paoli Hospital for the stitches; he fell from the rocks behind the stage. We added a snow cone and smoothie vendor to three of the shows and gave away sports items at the Youth Sports Night Concert. The new stage and sound system was a notable improvement to the series. A special thanks again to Shire, BPALL, CYLAX , DSSL, FastFlicks, Generals, TEYSA and Quixstix for their support.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carreen Wright