

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

Park Board Attendees: Jack Edson, Jack Trimmer, Carreen Wright, Jim Pettia, Beth Brake

Township Attendees: Hilliary Mallory, John DiMaio

Guests: Ashley Miles, K.T. Mallory from Conestoga High School

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 10, 2010 were approved.

I. Financial Report: No report was reviewed.

II. Old Business:

Deer Management Update: Officer DiMaio presented the deer report. There were 190 sightings of deer and Chester Valley harvested 21 deer and Suburban Deer Management harvested 13. Officer DiMaio also announced Phase II of the Valley Forge deer cull.

Proposal for New Field Closed Notification: This item was discussed at the November board meeting. The two options under consideration are a flag or a remote light of some kind. The purpose of visual notification is for the police and public so that it is clear the fields are officially closed and violators can be cited. Jack Trimmer reported on two remote light options: (1) Internet switch with modem to activate – cost a few hundred dollars; (2) Remote dialer which uses a cell phone to turn it on and off – cost \$400-\$500 plus the cost of the cell each month. Jack will prepare an outline of a proposal for the board to consider at the first meeting in 2011.

Video Surveillance for Wilson Park: The purpose of this is to try to deter the increasing incidents of vandalism in Wilson Park. The most recent was 10 trees that were chopped down for no apparent reason. Jack Trimmer reported that Infrared cameras are battery operated and can have sun panels to prolong the battery life. These cameras are not very expensive. Officer DiMaio will report back to the board on the legality of this idea.

Proposed 2011 Meeting Date Schedule: Ms. Mallory reported that the proposed 2011 Park board meeting schedule is: January, March, May, June, September, October, November. Four meetings have been eliminated from the historic schedule.

III. New Business

Nominating Committee: Jim Pettia and Beth Brake will nominate the 2011 slate.

IV. Reports

Police Report: Officer DiMaio reported that two hunters from Suburban Deer Management were cited for trespassing on private property near Crabby Creek. The regular November police report was not available at the time of the meeting.

Public Works Report: Ms. Mallory reported on the Swedesford Bridge repair proposal.

The following motion was made unanimously regarding the Swedesford Road Open Space Bridge Repair :

After a review of the proposed bridge repair estimate of \$84,655.50, the members of the Park Board voted that, if the money is available, it is better spent on a project(s) other than this one. If any work is done to this bridge, the one item that should be considered is a guardrail on the open side of the bridge for safety.

Recreation Report: Ms. Mallory reported on two items:

- (1) The Park Foundation made an official request for more information on 4-5 targeted projects that they are considering funding. Board members discussed each of the items in the memo as well as what the foundation requires from the Park Board.
 - Connecting path at LAD park for the Chester Valley Trail – Steve Norcini and Hilliary Mallory need to provide estimates to the Park Foundation
 - Fencing along the stream at Mill Road Park – Park Board members need to make a recommendation for position, length, type of fencing and cost
 - Replace sand with mulch in several playgrounds beginning with Strafford Park then Teegarden and Friendship – Steve Norcini will provide an estimate to the Park Foundation
 - Security camera at Wilson
 - Lights on a field at Wilson Park

- (2) 2 of the 12 winter recreation program sessions have been very successful. A total of 125 children have been enrolled in the program. Walk-in registration was permitted and \$480 was collected at the door during the second session.

V. Committee Reports

No reports were given.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carreen Wright