

Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Tredyffrin Township Building

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

Township Attendees: Hilliary Mallory, John DiMaio

Guests: Kathy Hyatt - Tredyffrin Park and Recreation Foundation, Dave Tollefson, Peter Scott and Stephen Loose - CYLAX

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 14, 2010 were approved.

I. Financial Report: No report was reviewed.

II. Old Business:

ANNOUNCEMENT: The dedication of the Wilson Park Gazebo will be on Sunday, August 1, 2010. Details to follow.

2010 Budget Priorities: The board reviewed, revised and updated the Short-term section of the Budget Priority list using Steve Norcini's document that had pricing listed next to many of the items. It was recommended that line items like the new bridge need explanatory notes to indicate alternate options. In this case, the Eagle Scout bridge project.

Deer Management Organizations: The board will be contacted to schedule interviews with the three prospective deer management organizations.

Recycling Trash Cans: Ms. Brake indicated that the township has applied for this grant in the past and has been denied. She suggested that the new Park Foundation could be a better applicant, since it is a non-profit organization not a government entity. Ms. Mallory announced that the township is looking at Big Belly solar trash compactors. If this purchase goes through the need for the grant application would be moot.

TESD Budget Update: This discussion was tabled because Ms. Bookstaber was absent. However, Ms. Mallory suggested the board consider submitting an official recommendation from the Park Board to the School Board regarding the Winter Recreation Program. The recommendations under consideration are: keep Valley Forge Elementary site free of charge, eliminate one of the two Middle School locations, charge a nominal fee for entrance at the middle school location, and consider supplementing staff with volunteers.

Amendments to the Park Ordinance: There were no additional recommendations for amendments to the park ordinance at this time. The two that will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors are the vehicle language and the leash language for Wilson Park.

Wilson Park Clean-Up Day: The clean-up day was held on Sunday, May 2, 2010. The Wrights, family of 4, and 3 Conestoga High School national Honor Society students helped pull up weeds in the park. The volunteers filled 12 garbage bags of weeds. Ms. Wright highlighted the fact that the beds by the Shire stage are virtually empty and, therefore, weeds waiting to happen. She volunteered to do a design for the beds and then cost out a planting plan as soon as her schedule permits.

III. New Business

Concert Sponsorship: Ms. Mallory announced that the Paoli Hospital signed on as a gold sponsor and will under write the cost of a 4th concert for the summer series. The Park Foundation will be sponsoring the first three concerts in the series. The banner that has been used previously will be re-written to reflect the new sponsors.

CYLAX: Peter Scott and Stephen Loose presented the CYLAX version of why and how netting was installed in Wilson Park with out prior approval of the Park Board or the Board of Supervisors. The situation was discussed and the process was clearly outlined for CYLAX. Ms. Mallory relayed Steve Norcini's recommendations regarding the un approved netting: (1) the temporary nets should be taken down, (2) CYLAX should seek approval by the Park Board and Board of Supervisors, (3) a Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed by the township and CYLAX, (4) the netting can be properly re- installed with a Public Works inspection.

The Park Board members unanimously approved the need for protective netting around the lacrosse goals in Wilson Park. The next step is for CYLAX to submit a formal proposal for the netting to the Park Board for review.

501(c)(3) Update: Ms. Hyatt stated that the foundation is working hard on a web site. It should be up and running before the end of the summer. The existing Board was re-elected and staggered terms were imposed. The current slate of officers were re-elected as well.

IV. Reports

Police Report: Officer DiMaio reported that there were 10 incidents in April, actually 16 counting parking violations. Of note at Wilson Park, there was a lost autistic child who was found unharmed, a bike accident involving a 6 year old and an elderly woman, and another dog off-leash incident.

Public Works Report: There was no public works report submitted.

Recreation Report: Ms. Mallory announced camp registration is up and running. The fireworks are all set and the concert series is all set.

V. Committee Reports

No reports were given.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carreen Wright