

## **Tredyffrin Township Parks And Recreation**

**Date:** September 8, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Tredyffrin Township Building

**Attendees:** Debbie Bookstaber, Brian Baynard, Tami Schofield, Jack Trimmer, Jack Edson

**Township Attendees:** Steve Norcini, Hilliary Mallory, John DiMaio, John DiBuonaventuro

**Guests:** Kathy Hyatt (Parks Foundation), Stephen Grabuski (CVDMA), Stephen DiAddezio, Ronald Falcone, Dottie Falcone, Anne Todd, Albert L. DiAddezio, Roberta G. Decker, Thomas W. Decker

Prior to admitting guests, John DiMaio and John DiBuonaventuro gave a short briefing to the board in executive session. Following the call to order, the July minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **I. Old Business**

#### **A. Deer Management –**

- a. Stephen Grabuski of Chester Valley Deer Management presented the final requested documents and information to the Board for CVDMA to begin participating in the deer culling in their assigned parks.
- b. Albert DiAddezio presented a petition signed by the majority of the neighbors of Westover Park requesting that this park be removed from the list of parks approved for deer culling as they do not consider the deer a problem in that area. Following a brief discussion regarding the value of residents' input, Tami Schofield made a motion that Westover Park be removed from the list of parks approved for culling. Jack Trimmer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Anne Todd, another resident near Westover, presented a map showing the residents polled for their input and requested some additional information on how the process of choosing parks for deer culling works. Additional information on annual results was also discussed. The status of a tent that had been placed in Westover Park was reviewed – it has been removed, but police are now aware of it having been in the park.
- c. Officer DiMaio requested a review of item #8 on the deer management guidelines regarding parking. The current wording was ambiguous and needs editing. Steve Norcini clarified the intent of the item and will adjust it in the written guidelines.

B. Winter Rec – Debbie Bookstaber let the Board know that the School Board meeting on 9/13 will include further decisions on the ongoing use of space in the schools and funding for Winter Rec. Hilliary Mallory has the proposed fees, including a custodial fee of \$2,448 which represent a substantial increase. Ms. Bookstaber will look into the fee to clarify. Middle schools will no longer be available for open gyms due to cost.

C. Amendment to Park Ordinance – John DiBuonaventuro announced that there will be a public hearing date set at the 9/13 Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Parks Ordinances.

- D. Wilson Park Fencing – Steve Norcini presented a map of the areas of fencing in Wilson Farm Park that the Public Works department would like to remove to reduce maintenance issues. The Park Board supported the proposal, and it will be presented at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.
- E. Park Wish List – Kathy Hyatt attended to see the improved listing of park suggestions. Winter Rec and the park wish list will be discussed at the next Parks Foundation meeting.

## **II. New Business**

- A. Radbill Billboard – A zoning change hearing is to be planned to rezone the Radbill park lots so that a digital billboard would be permitted on the site.
- B. LAD Connection to Chester Valley Trail – Sean Moir and Steve Norcini met with a representative of the trail to discuss a finished access from LAD park onto the trail. There is an appropriate link, but funding is an issue and there needs to be public discussion.
- C. Non-permitted function at Mazie B. Hall park – Kevin Stroman held a large basketball function at the park without a permit. Discussion followed regarding permit enforcement.

III. Police Report –  
25 incidents in the Parks in July and 10 in August were reported by Officer DiMaio. Many were parking related in Wilson Farm Park.

IV. Public Works Report –  
Active parks are being mowed weekly, open spaces are attended to 1-2 times per year.

V. Recreation Report –  
The Deepdale neighborhood has requested a speaker from Tredyffrin Township at their annual meeting to discuss the Township Parks.  
Hilliary Mallory presented the final report on the summer camps. Budget tightening will mean that the Township will need to take advantage of economies of scale in the future by centralizing camp locations. Wilson Farm Park will be more heavily used in 2011, although Teegarden will probably also need to be used to prevent overcrowding.

The next meeting will be held on October 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.