

## **Tredyffrin Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 9, 2011  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Tredyffrin Township Building

**Park Board Attendees:** Sean Moir, Tami Schofield, Carreen Wright, Jim Pettia, Bryan Baynard, Debbie Bookstaber

**Township Attendees:** Hilliary Mallory, EJ Richter (new BOS liaison)

**Guests:** George Davis – Horizon Services, Chuck Cutshall – EAC, Chuck Marshall – Trout Unlimited, Randy Kienzle – CYLAX, Rick Atkins, Ultimate Frisbee Camp

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of January 12, 2011 were approved.

**I. Financial Report:** No report was reviewed.

### **II. Old Business:**

**Deer Management Update:** Sean Moir reported that invitational letters have been sent to 4 deer hunting organizations for an interview meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 pm.

**Video Surveillance for Wilson Park:** Hilliary Mallory reported in Mr. Trimmer's absence. Comcast is putting together a proposal to install wireless through out Wilson Park. This proposal would not only allow for installation of video surveillance but also provide an added benefit of wireless for use by township residents which the Park Foundation would fund.

**Guidance for Foundation on Parks Priority Items:** Ms. Mallory presented four proposals under consideration by the foundation: (1) improvement to the infield at LAD #3; (2) improve drainage by the ball field in Wilson park in partnership with the Little League foundation; (3) Install 3 plastic recycled picnic tables and one bench in Mill Road Park (cost est. \$7,000); Replace sand under swing sets with rubberized mulch in Teegarden (\$15,000), Strafford (\$17,000), and Friendship (\$17,000).

***Motion #1: The Park and Recreation Board unanimously voted to have the Park Foundation proceed with the Mill Road park proposal.***

**Field Scheduling Meeting:** Ms. Mallory reported that the meeting was held and went very smoothly. There were no conflicts.

### **III. New Business**

**Concert Series Sponsor:** George Davis from Horizon Heating and Plumbing requested that his company be approved as a sponsor of the Wilson Farm Park Concert Series this summer.

Horizon will be at the \$2,500 sponsor level. The issue he brought before the board was whether or not Horizon could put up a temporary banner in the park for the duration of the concert series. Horizon will work with Ms. Mallory to determine an appropriate and tasteful size for the banner.

Mainline Health will also sponsor the concert series at the \$2,500 level and the Park Foundation will sponsor the series up to \$10,000 if needed.

***Motion #2: Tami Schofield made a motion, seconded by Debbie Bookstaber, to “Permit sponsors of township activities to place banners in the parks during the period of the activity”. The board approved the motion unanimously.***

**CYLAX Safety Nets in Wilson Park:** Randy Kienzle presented CYLAX’s proposal to install safety nets behind the field on the north end of the TEYSA or CYLAX field. The high speed of the lacrosse ball (approx. 70 mph) is a safety issue for park visitors. CYLAX would like to install one fence this year and one fence next year due to the high cost (approximately \$2,000). A 50 ft. section of fence will be installed and anchored in the ground. Photos of a Gourock product were presented to the board. CYLAX seeks the board’s approval of this project. Sean Moir thanked CYLAX for their consideration of safety in the park.

***Motion #3: Jim Pettia made the motion, and Bryan Baynard seconded, “The Park and Recreation Board approve construction of safety nets in Wilson Park by CYLAX provided they have received the appropriate approval from Tredyffrin township.” The board approved the motion unanimously.***

**Ultimate Frisbee Camp:** Rick Atkins is an outside vendor who runs ultimate Frisbee summer camps. He currently coaches Lower Merion’s ultimate Frisbee team. He seeks the board’s approval to establish a summer camp for the 8-13 year old age group from 9am to noon on Monday through Friday. It would be held in Wilson Park beginning in the summer of 2012.

***Motion #4: Carreen Wright made the motion, Tami Schofield seconded, “To proceed with the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to permit ultimate Frisbee camp in our parks.” The board approved the motion unanimously.***

**Reduced Mowing/Rain Garden in Wilson:** Chuck Cutshall from Tredyffrin’s EAC proposed a low-mow project in Wilson Park as part of the Greening Tredyffrin Program. The EAC has already approved this project and is now seeking permission from the Park and Recreation Board. Under such a program, portions of the lower half of Wilson Park would be allowed to grow. These designated reduced mowing areas would not infringe on any playground or playing fields. On either side of the walking path a 6-foot wide swath will remain mowed. The amount of area involved in this project is about 5 acres out of the 90-acre park. The public will be educated about the benefits of reduced mowing (reduction of storm water and cost of labor/gas) through the township newsletter.

***Motion #5: Sean Moir made the motion and Carreen Wright seconded, “ To proceed with a trial reduced mowing project with education for the public to explain the environmental and financial benefits.”***

Chuck Marshall, representing the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership, proposed the installation

of two rain gardens in Wilson Park. The rain gardens would reduce storm water runoff in to Wilson Run Stream, further beautify the Park, and educate park users about the benefits on their property of a rain garden. A grant will fund the design, installation and three years of maintenance for the two rain gardens. Six potential sites have been identified and submitted to Steve Norcini for final selection and approval.

***Motion #6: Tami Schofield made the motion and Jim Pettia seconded, "To approve the installation of two rain gardens in Wilson Farm Park by the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership per the site recommendations of Public Works."***

**Lease Agreements – Woodlynde School and VFES Tennis Courts:** The township has been released from the Woodlynde lease and the township is currently negotiating a release from the VFES tennis courts lease.

**Summer Camp Locations:** Ms. Mallory informed the board that the locations for the summer camps have changed this year. All township summer sports camps will be held at Teegarden Park and all of the summer day camps will be held at Wilson Park this year.

**Shire Stage Bed Plantings:** Deferred until the next meeting.

**Re-appointment Request:** The term of board member, Carreen Wright, expires on April 30, 2011. Sean Moir requested that EJ Richter request the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Carreen Wright for a second term on the Park and Recreation Board.

#### **IV. Reports**

**Police Report:** Ms. Mallory reported for Officer DiMaio that there were 4 incidents in January and 7 incidents in February.

**Public Works Report:** There was no report given at this time.

**Recreation Report:** Ms. Mallory reported on the success of the winter recreation program. Expenses were \$7,905.93 and revenues \$4,086.00. The Parks Foundation financed the balance of \$3,819.93. The Foundation has agreed to underwrite the winter recreation program again this year. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Shire will sponsor fireworks in Wilson Park for \$10,000 with the Park Foundation underwriting the remaining \$5,000 this year.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

No reports were given.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Carreen Wright