



Recreation Advisory Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2010

In Attendance: Scott Pepperman, Jason Sanserverino, Dave Stine,
Rhoda Ioerger, Dick Norrie, Jim Smith, Nancy Griffie, Nate Spade
Absent: Theresa Eberly, Karen Harlacher
Staff: Kristy Owens, Jeff Williams
Other: Kurt Minnich, Deb Snyder from the Twp Veteran's Memorial Committee
Mark Philips and son, Randon (boy scout), came in at 7:05pm

Director Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

After calling for nominations, Dave Stine was nominated for Chairman via a motion by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Pepperman. He was re-elected and assumed management of the meeting.

On a motion by Dave and seconded by Jason, Scott was nominated and then elected as Vice Chair.

Minutes for the December 1, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Jim and seconded by Scott.

Public Comment

None

Veteran's Memorial Committee Update

Kurt Minnich and Deb Snyder provided a summary of the process and final selection of the Committee for a veteran's memorial. It would be placed in Willow Mill Park. Pictures of the top choice were shared and RAC supported the choice.

Liaison

Nancy Griffie explained she regretted leaving as Board liaison to RAC. There was some shifting of assignments but she enjoyed working with RAC. She thanked RAC for their support and involvement. She introduced Nate Spade, one of the new Supervisors, who will replace her as liaison to RAC. Nate shared his excitement at working with RAC and his desire to learn about parks and recreation to build on his past experiences.

Chairman Stine presented a copy of the fundraising brochure mailed out by the Friends of Willow Mill to solicit funds for the renovation of the mill into a community center. He reiterated past concern about the listed naming rights for sponsorship of existing park amenities and proposed mill rooms. He also stated that RAC was worried that the suggested floor plans printed in the

brochure were not accurate due to flood plain issues for the ground floor. Further, that advertising for naming rights based on the drawings would be inaccurate and possibly reflect negatively back on RAC and the Township.

Director/Assistant Director Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Jeff shared that the 2010 budget was adopted by the Board on December 16. He felt Parks and Recreation was treated well.
- Tree Lighting was held on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm.
 - Additional lights were hung on the trees to the main entrance of the Township Complex.
 - Girl Scouts took care of cookies and crafts
 - The New Kingstown Fire Company and Silver Spring Fire Company assisted with parking, traffic and the santa visit.
 - The Mechanicsburg Dairy Princess group offered a milk punch and craft
 - PNC Bank donated \$300 for the ice carving. They also set up a table with crafts and games for children.
 - Ice Carving was done by Albert Mya at 7 pm.
 - Giant donated a \$25 gift card and Wal-Mart donated a \$10 gift card that was used for snacks and refreshments.
 - Red Cross Blood Drive began at 2:30pm. 12 people donated.
- We still have not received any word on the DCNR SRP Phase III grant request
- The vacancy for RAC is announced in the January Newsletter. There has been some interest. It was explained that staff is suggesting that letters of interest be collected during January, brought to RAC at the February meeting. It was suggested that interested parties be encouraged to attend the February RAC meeting to see what RAC does. The RAC can offer a recommendation to the Board.
- RAC meeting times were changed by the Board from 7pm to 6pm and the workshop meetings eliminated.
- Jeff announced that "Tree Tender" training is scheduled for March 17. 4 people from the Township need to attend to meet the requirement of the TreeVitalize grant. Dick and Jim expressed some interest in attending along with staff.
- The Board approved the Strategic Plan for Park Development.
- Discussion was held regarding youth sports registrations. Numbers seem to be declining for all sports. Supervisor Dave Lenker contacted staff to express concern about some economically disadvantaged youth being unable to participate due to cost. Dave had mentioned the possibility of a golf tournament to raise money to be split among the groups to assist with scholarships. Jeff explained that the Township doesn't participate with the operation of sports programs but provides and maintains facilities. He has sent inquiries to the youth organizations asking who provides assistance and how.
- At this point, Mark Phillips and his son Randon came into the meeting to observe it for Randon's scout merit badge.

NEW BUSINESS

- A proposal for the donation of a small parcel of land along the creek adjacent to Hidden Creek Park has been received from the property owner. It is located behind the first gravel parking lot and would extend the walking path. On a motion by Rhoda and

seconded by Dave, RAC recommended asking the Board to approve the process for accepting the donation.

- The system the Township uses for financial management now allows the tracking of issues reported by citizens. It provides a log system for recording the issue and any actions taken by the appropriate Township staff.
- Jeff will be attending the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS) annual conference near Pittsburgh in mid-March.
- Membership fees are due to PRPS for RAC. Forms were distributed.
- Camp registration forms and information are almost complete and will be given to RAC.
- Updates on items to be purchased were given on the Bobcat skid loader, zero turn mower, backstop replacement at Paul Walter Memorial Park field#3, portable restroom contract, and year 2 of the turf management contract. Dick raised some concern about having wheels instead of tracks on the Bobcat due to traction issues.
- Memos to the Board were distributed.
- Jeff was contacted about working with the group in New Kingstown on their dedication ceremony for a state marker at the site of the 1st Reformed Presbyterian Church. Scott expressed some interest in being involved for RAC.
- 5 young men were caught by the police doing 'donuts' in the parking lot at Stony Ridge Park. Staff is addressing using them for community service.
- There is a workshop on grants with DCNR staff on January 21st in Carlisle. Jeff and Kristy will attend.

Other Business

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm on a motion by Rhoda, seconded by Jason.

NEXT RAC MEETING: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 – 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Owens and Jeff Williams