



Recreation Advisory Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2011

In Attendance: Scott Pepperman, Theresa Eberly, Dave Stine, Nate Spade, Rhoda Iorger, Jim Smith, Dick Norrie, Ed Rigg
Absent: Jason Sanseverino
Staff: Jeff Williams
Other: BOS Chairman Vince DiFilippo

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stine at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 7, 2010 were approved on a motion from Rhoda, seconded by Ed.

Liaison

Nate Spade reported that the Board conducted its annual reorganization meeting the night before. Vince DiFilippo was re-elected Chairman and Nancy Griffie re-elected as Vice Chair. Nate was asked about the move to the new Township offices and he confirmed that the purchase of the buildings was scheduled to be completed by the first part of February. At that point, the Township could begin renovations as necessary. There was discussion on possible uses of the existing building. Dave Stine asked if the police would be staying at the current building and Nate replied that the police also would move. Parks and Recreation will be in the same building as the police.

Director/Assistant Director Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Budget update –Jeff presented the detail on the 2011 budget capital improvements and indicated staff felt very supported with this. New park benches, grills, picnic tables and other items were all funded as requested. Scott reiterated his points from the last meeting about looking at the bottom line of expense versus revenue for the Department. Jeff will set up a meeting this week for those interested in looking at this. He also indicated, per the request last month, that he had done the preliminary figures.
- Chairman DiFilippo shared an update on the Veteran's Memorial Committee and their fundraising dinner and silent auction scheduled for the New Kingstown Fire Hall on April 30th.
- Jeff shared an update on Phase III construction at Stony Ridge Park. Progress will stop for two months and resume in the spring. The contractor is behind but most work is complete.
- The draft lease for the farming of the Paul Walters Memorial Park extension has been completed by the Solicitor and will go to the Board January 26th. Dave asked how many

acres are involved and Jeff indicated 28 of the 34 total acres would be leased. The other 6 acres will be retained by the Township for its use.

- One half of the Greenways and Open Space grant will be paid to us by early spring.
- The study Group for the grant will include Jim Smith and Scott Pepperman with Dave Stine as the alternate from RAC. Jeff shared the other confirmed members of the Study Group.
- Rhoda was re-appointed to RAC for another 3 year term by the Board. A vacancy remains and that will be advertised in this week's Twp. newsletter again.
- There was no update on the email distribution list.

New Business

- There was no update on the 5K other than confirming the date as March 12, 2011 and the theme of "Jig Jog" and wearing green as a tie-in to St. Patrick's Day.
- The newsletter should be out this week.
- Jeff sent a request for quotes for portable restroom service to 5 companies last week; Associated Products, Hershey, Oaktree, D & D, and Walters. The results will be given to the Board at their January 26, 2011 meeting.
- The bid for turf management in 2011 will be going out soon. The acreage serviced will be increasing significantly with the addition of the new fields and areas at Stony Ridge Park and the new Twp. administrative campus.
- A food permit from the Dept. of Agriculture will no longer be required after recent legislation. The concession stand at SRP will be inspected this fall. Jeff has met with the inspector and will arrange another food safety training with him for user groups this spring.
- Summer Camp fees will be somewhat simplified and increase. No specific fees were provided. On a motion by Scott and seconded by Rhoda, RAC passed a motion to allow staff to set new fees that they feel reasonable.
- Jeff passed around the conference brochure for this year's Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society. He asked RAC to indicate which sessions they felt staff should attend. Scott and Dave mentioned how valuable this type of training and networking is. They supported staff attending the national conference as well as the state. Jeff expressed his appreciation to the Board for funding staff attendance this year, particularly with the tight fiscal times. RAC asked how they could support sending staff in the future. Jeff indicated he is going to the national conference in Atlanta at his own cost in October and hoped the Township would grant him the leave to attend.
- Jeff described concerns in the area about securing soccer goals to the ground.
- There were no plan reviews.

Other Business

There was no further business.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm on a motion by Scott, seconded by Rhoda.

NEXT RAC MEETING: Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 1 – 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Owens and Jeff Williams

APPROVED: 1/4/11