



Recreation Advisory Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2010

In Attendance: Jim Smith, Nate Spade, Scott Pepperman, Dick Norrie, Jason Sanserverino, Karen Harlacher, Rhoda Ioerger, Dave Stine, Ed Rigg
Absent: Theresa Eberly
Staff: Kristy Owens, Jeff Williams
Other: Jan LeBlanc and Karen Best, Friends of Willow Mill

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 2, 2010 were approved on a motion from Rhoda, seconded by Dick.

Public Comment

None

Liaison

Nate Spade provided the Liaison report. He reported that the Board had interviewed 4 candidates for the Superintendent of Police position and a decision will be made soon. The financial analysis for the proposed Township building will be done soon. A modular unit has been rented for the police to use as additional storage and locker room space. It is 8' x 20'. Scott asked about commercial rec fees for SST. Nate suggested Scott attend a Business Council (BAC) meeting and see where they are on the issues. Nate offered to contact BAC (Ron Ferris) and get RAC on the agenda. Jeff will attend with two RAC members. Nate then gave a brief introduction of two guests from the Friends of Willow Mill, Karen Best and Jan LeBlanc.

Special Guests from the Friends of Willow Mill

Nate asked all the RAC members to introduce themselves to Jan and Karen. Jan presented her experience and the philosophy behind capital fundraising. She had led the fundraising effort for Dauphin County Parks and Recreation for renovations at Fort Hunter Park and the Nature Center at Wildwood Park. Karen shared that the Friends have paid back the entire amount borrowed from the Township as an advance for fundraising efforts. She indicated the Friends are continuing to raise funds. She then gave a concise history of the Friends, their vision, and their goals. Chairman Stine mentioned that RAC supports the project. A discussion was held on naming rights for amenities both at the mill and at the park. Kristy mentioned the opportunity to have a booth and fundraise at SST rec events. She also mentioned the possibility of setting up a donations tab on the SST/parks web site for the Friends and Veteran's Memorial Committees. Other possible pieces include a donation piece in the Twp newsletter, a link on the Township web site back to the friends. Kristy talked about marketing efforts and the opportunities for the Friends to plug into Twp special events. Perhaps a volunteer for at the head of the parking line for the Fall Festival.

Director/Assistant Director Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Mill update – RAC was very pleased with the meeting with the Friends
- Jeff shared the info and training packet received from the “Tree Tenders” training in Berk’s County.
- Kristy reported on the egg hunt. Sponsorship levels were up, cost was lower and attendance good. We had plenty of volunteers.
- Stony Ridge Park is on schedule to have the Phase III work go out on bid in May.
- Tours of the parks will be done with RAC at 4pm, before the next RAC meeting. We’ll do half the parks and then return for our regular meeting.
- The Board has approved allowing dogs in parks at PVP and Willow Mill on a trial basis.
- New Kubota mower and the skid loader are both in.
- Jeff announced that a resolution is being taken to the Board for the DCNR Trail grant. The original project was reduced with WMP master plan and Potteiger master plan removed from the grant. DCNR already helped pay for the original master plan. And would not fund another study on the same property. Jeff announced that he will meet with the SRP design engineers (Rettew) tomorrow (Wed.) about the grant application.

NEW BUSINESS

- More discussion on commercial rec fees was done. Scott, Jeff and Dave will go to the next Business Association meeting and present the idea for feedback.
- Kristy passed out this year’s list of theme parks that we are selling tickets for.
- We still need an escort for the 4/24 trip to New York City for a day on your own.
- Kristy asked RAC to take note of the new programs listed in the newsletter.
- For the 5K, we need volunteers for course marshals. Sponsors are also needed. Kristy sent out 200 invitations to area businesses.
- Jeff gave an update on the PRPS conference and referenced a poster about rain gardens for storm water management.
- Much of the old and worn fencing at Paul Walters Memorial Park has been replaced by park crews. The infield lips have been rolled. Fertilizer was spread. Spraying for weeds and grass in gravel parking lots, common areas, and volleyball courts was completed by TruGreen. The soil will be tested on all the athletic fields. SSYBA has been cleaning up the concession stand at PWMP. CV LAX will have a walk through at SRP concession stand for their use.
- SSYBA Opening Day is next week, April 17.
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Other Business

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion by Rhoda, seconded by Jason.

NEXT RAC MEETING: Tuesday, May 4, 2010 – 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Owens and Jeff Williams