

MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2008

1. Call To Order

The March 17, 2008 meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chairperson, Bernadette Flanigan. Those in attendance were:

Bernadette Flanigan	Chairperson
Lonnie Kriebel	Secretary
Phil Gazan	Member
Michael Zumpino	Member
Pat Horstman	Member
Donald Petrille	Member
GlennAnne Rorie	Park & Recreation Director
Clare Edelmayer	Township Commissioner, Liaison

2. Approval Of The Minutes of September 10, 2007

Mrs. Flanigan asked for any questions or concerns relative to the Minutes of September 10, 2007. Upon hearing none, Mrs. Kriebel made a motion to approve the September 10, 2007 Minutes. Mr. Gazan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Reorganization

Mrs. Flanigan noted that it was that time of the year for reorganization. Mr. Gazan made a motion to keep the current members in office. Mrs. Horstman seconded the nominations and it passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments

Mrs. Rorie advised the public to state their names and addresses. She also suggested that the Park and Recreation Members introduce themselves to the public.

The following residents were in attendance:

Ron Statmore	Steve & Becky Krisko	Joanne Smith
132 Cardinal Way	744 Mallard Place	732 Mallard Place

The following were concerns that were expressed by the residents:

Mr. Statmore expressed concern relative to the proposed trail stating that security and privacy were issues. Mrs. Edelmayer reviewed a list of meeting dates where the residents can be involved. Mr. Statmore advised that he didn't feel the concerns would be adequately addressed.

Mr. Krisko informed that he would rather see the grant money spent a different way. Mrs. Rorie explained that the money was earmarked for specific use and one was trails. She also noted that the County was the one who made that decision. There was discussion relative to other options for the trail to run. Mr. Krisko questioned why it couldn't run on the Green Ribbon Trail and Mrs. Horstman explained that the small section in Upper Gwynedd could not be paved or it loses the intent for the Green Ribbon Trail.

Mrs. Krisko expressed concern relative to the ATV vehicles that are ridden on the PECO property. She stated that she called the police but there was no response. She also expressed concern about the people who do walk their dogs behind her property now and feels that there was a lack of privacy as it currently was, let alone if a trail were to run back along the property.

Mr. Statmore commended the Township for acquiring the open space but felt that the proposed trail was not a good idea. There was discussion relative to the budget and maintenance for the trail.

Mr. Gazan requested Mrs. Rorie clarify what the purpose of the April 1 and April 2 meetings were for. Mrs. Rorie advised that one set of residents would have an opportunity to view and comment on April 1 and then another set of residents would have the same opportunity on April 2. In response to a question as to who from the Township would be in attendance, Mrs. Edelmayer stated herself, Mrs. Rorie, Commissioner Tom Duffy, any Park and Recreation member that would like to attend, Township Manager, Len Perrone and the Chief of Police.

5. Presentation by Nor Gwyn Baseball

John Rider, Vice-President of Nor Gwyn Baseball, introduced Bruce Knoll who was a part of the revitalization committee. Mr. Rider gave a brief background relative to the Nor Gwyn Baseball organization and informed it was located on Hancock Road, across the street from Gwyn Nor Elementary School. He advised that there are approximately 742 players. Mr. Rider informed that the 2007 operating budget was \$130,000 annually. He explained that the organization generates some of their own income such as the snack bars which bring in approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year.

Mr. Rider informed that the Township has provided a significant contribution in maintaining the infrastructure. He noted that the players put a lot of wear and tear on the fields but the fields are kept in good shape.

Mr. Rider presented a list of contributions from the Township and how the contributions were used. He then presented other contributions / services from other areas and how they were used.

Mr. Rider informed that the snack bar was in need of repair. He presented a conceptual drawing of the proposed snack bar. Mr. Rider explained that the structure would be replaced with a fixed building, hot and cold running water, and electric service.

Mr. Rider advised that grant applications were submitted to the state but they were late and did not have all the necessary information and it was denied. He stated the an obstacle they ran into was that a lease was required for the property and that currently they were on two parcels. He said that the Township helped get the portion that was PECO property and the portion that was school district property and join them together allowing for the creation of the current playing field. Mr. Rider explained that if there were to be state funding there needs to be a guarantee that nothing would change for a minimum of twenty-five years. He noted that the lease was going before the school district with that clause and that he felt the school district would approve it. However, Mr. Rider was concerned with PECO because it was a six month long process and that would be difficult to have everything completed by April 25, which was the deadline for the grant.

Mr. Rider advised that a consultant working with the Nor Gwyn Baseball organization made them aware that there was County funding available and that the important part of that funding was improving handicap and ADA compliance in recreation facilities.

Mr. Rider showed a drawing of the proposed changes to be made including parking, ADA compliance, and the snack bar. He informed that Mr. Knoll was working on the cost of the improvements for the County which

needed to be submitted by April 15. Mr. Rider explained that notification of funding would be in August or September and then the money would be available in November.

In response to Mrs. Edelmayer's question as to what the chance was that the funding would be awarded from the County, Mr. Rider was not sure since the funding was based on ADA compliance. Mr. Rider stated that the main concern was the lease first because without that he didn't believe any funding would be approved and then the organization would have to rely on private sources.

Mr. Rider advised that once the funding was completed, the next phase would be the snack bar. He showed a drawing for a water line which would be utilized to water the grass and then feed into the snack bar and bathrooms. Mr. Rider explained that they would like to extend the water line. There was discussion how the water line and electric would be handled, along with the bathrooms.

Mr. Rider spoke briefly regarding the two little league parks and the t-ball field as well. He advised that the information was available on their web site relative to the fields.

Mr. Rider explained work that had been done in the past and what the organization would like to do, such as lighting, fencing and grand stands. He advised that long term he would like to see the little league fields be resurfaced as well.

Mr. Gazan questioned why this proposal was being presented. Mrs. Rorie explained that Nor Gwyn Baseball was only looking for support of their vision should it be needed. She advised there was no monetary request.

Mrs. Flanigan asked for any further questions or concerns. Upon hearing none, Mr. Gazan made a motion to support the overall recreational goals that are consistent with Upper Gwynedd Township. Mrs. Horstman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Zumpino stated that a letter would be written from Mrs. Rorie on behalf of the Township.

6. Old Business

A. Trail Plan Update

Mrs. Rorie reminded that April 1 and April 2 were the scheduled dates with the residents to discuss the trail plan proposal. She stated they were scheduled at the Township Building at 7:30 pm.

Mrs. Rorie advised while there has been concerns expressed by some of the residents where the trail would directly affect them, there have also been positive comments.

In response to Mrs. Flanigan's question how other municipalities address security with their trails, Mrs. Rorie advised that Chief Duffy. There was brief discussion relative to how security was handled in other municipalities.

7. New Business

A. Carnival September 25 - 28

Mrs. Rorie advised that the carnival was scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, September 25th through the 28th. She advised that a two year contract has been signed.

8. Other Business

A. Concession Stand

Mrs. Rorie advised that work has taken place at the concession stand in order to meet the health code requirements. She stated that the floor had been painted, the grill, fryers, and refrigerator have been worked on. Mrs. Rorie noted two sinks had to be plumbed because a hand sink needed to be added. She also noted that Les Pigs has the contract for the concession stand for the summer.

B. Golf Outing

Mrs. Rorie advised that the golf outing was scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2008.

9. Call for Adjournment

Mrs. Flanigan asked for any further questions or concerns. Upon hearing none, Mrs. Kriebel made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Zumpino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie Kriebel
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008