

Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

July 9, 2007

The July 9, 2007 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.. Those present were:

Bernadette Flanigan	Chairperson
John Murray	Vice - Chairman
Lonnie Kriebel	Secretary
Don Petrille	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Phil Gazan	Member
Rick Vetri	Member
Pat Horstman	Member
M. Clare Edelmayer	Township Commissioner, Liaison
GlennAnne Rorie	Park & Recreation Director

1. Approval of the May 14, 2007 Minutes

Mrs. Flanigan asked for any questions or comments relative to the Minutes of May 14, 2007 which were distributed prior to the meeting. Upon hearing none, Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Vetri seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Old Business

A. Carnival

Ms. Rorie reported that the carnival was scheduled for Thursday, September 20 through Sunday, September 23. She noted that fireworks were Friday and Saturday night. Ms. Rorie informed that family times would be Thursday night, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. She advised that the letters went out to the food vendors but did not expect responses until August. Ms. Rorie reminded that volunteers would be needed. There was brief discussion relative to when coverage was needed. In response to Mr. Murray's question relative to the when Mega Passes would be valid, Ms. Rorie confirmed that they were valid the whole carnival.

Ms. Rorie advised that Fox Rothschild had requested a dunk booth at the carnival with proceeds to go to the Harleysville Senior Center. She informed that not long after that request, Officer Kolcher from the Upper Gwynedd Police Department requested that the Police Department have a dunk booth. Ms. Rorie explained that the police would be in the booth and those proceeds would go to Police Benevolent Association. Mrs. Kriebel stated that she would rather have the Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department provide the dunk booth. Ms. Rorie questioned if the Fire Company had ever been denied such a request and no members on the Park and Recreation Board could recall such a request. Mr. Murray questioned if Skelly's would have any issues and Ms. Rorie advised that she would have to discuss it with Skelly's. Mr. Gazan questioned if this request was something that the Park and Recreation Board even wanted to entertain. Mrs. Edelmayer advised that Alex's Lemonade Stand was at last year's carnival. Mr. Gazan expressed concern to future requests that may come from outside sources. Mr. Vetri stated that he felt that if it was a request from an Upper Gwynedd group that it would be fine to have them. Mr. Zumpino proposed that a priority be established for Township based organizations but to also consider those outside of Upper Gwynedd Township. Ms. Rorie stated that she would call the contact from Fox Rothschild and inform her that the Upper Gwynedd Police were having a dunk booth. Ms. Rorie expressed concern if they were to request another sort of activity to benefit the Harleysville Senior Center, how would the Park and Recreation Board want to handle that.

Mrs. Edelmayer said that it would have to benefit an organization in the North Penn area. There was discussion relative to previous stands that have participated. Mrs. Edelmayer reminded that this year the Township had the soda cart back and would be where Alex's Lemonade Stand was last year. Mr. Murray suggested that Ms. Rorie talk to Skelly's relative to this request.

Ms. Rorie advised that volunteer sign-up's would be done through e-mail. Mr. Murray volunteered to over-see the sausage stand.

B. Golf Outing

Ms. Rorie advised that the golf outing took place. She noted that approximately \$3,200 was brought in. Ms. Rorie informed that the cost of the dinner was a little higher and a lunch was added. She explained that the cost for golfing remained the same but the cost for the hole sponsor went up. In response to Mrs. Edelmayer's question relative to why the lunch was added, Ms. Rorie advised that PineCrest was having a problem keeping up with the players when they purchased their lunch on their own. She explained that PineCrest requested the lunch be added so that the players received good service in a timely manner. There was discussion relative to the golf outing hand-out that the Township provides.

C. Open Space

Ms. Rorie reported that the Merck property was no longer available. She advised that the trails were being assessed as to what would be done to them with assistance from a landscape consultant. There was discussion relative to the location of the walking of the trails that were assessed.

Ms. Rorie stated that there was a house on the PECO property and they would need to be approached to request an overlay lease in order to have the trail continue. There was further discussion relative to the trail system and what easements would be required in order to have the trails continue on.

Ms. Rorie advised that an informational meeting with the County that would take place prior to requesting the grant money. She explained that the meeting would show the location of the trails, the benefits, and a rudimentary cost. Ms. Rorie further explained at that point the County could offer their input. She stated that then there would be another meeting where the Township would provide a highly detailed map and cost estimate.

There was discussion relative to trail locations that cross creeks and would need to be addressed. Ms. Rorie reported that under PECO lines, PECO prefers asphalt which assists them with their trucks. In response to Mr. Zumpino's question as to what the County uses on their trails, Ms. Rorie noted they were constructed of crushed stone. Mr. Murray questioned if the Township was then responsible for the maintenance of the trails and Ms. Rorie confirmed it was the Township's responsibility to maintain all the trails.

Ms. Rorie stated that she was hopeful that the consultant would have a proposed plan into the Township soon. In response to Mrs. Flanigan's question to how long the project would take to complete, Ms. Rorie advised that it could take over a year.

D. Chris and Nico Tournament

Ms. Rorie reported that the tournament netted approximately \$2,200.00 that would be donated to Buckle Up!. She noted that more money was brought in this year due to the lessening of expenses and more sponsors participating.

Mrs. Kriebel stated that the tournament seems to be growing in popularity and Ms. Rorie confirmed that it was but that the people running it needed to understand the importance of having the participants sign waivers. Ms. Rorie explained that she had found out some participants had not signed waivers while others were substituting without signed waivers.

4. New Business

A. Car Show

Ms. Rorie reported that the Fall Fest was scheduled for October 20, 2007. She noted that the flyers for craft vendors and car show participants have or would be going out. Ms. Rorie advised that the back pool parking lot would be used strictly for parking and the Township side of the grass would be used for the event.

Ms. Flanigan noted that she has been approached regarding the parade. Ms. Rorie stated that it was discontinued due to the difficulty in choosing a winner.

B. Budget Items

Ms. Rorie reminded that the budget was coming due. She advised that most of the budget was for on-going items with the exception of the trail development. It was noted that the community center was still being considered.

C. Smoking in Playground

Ms. Rorie advised that a few months ago there had been a fire in the mulch due to a cigarette that was not extinguished and disposed of properly. Ms. Rorie requested that the Park and Recreation Board make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to ban smoking in the playground.

Mrs. Horstman made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to ban smoking in the playground and the surrounding active recreational areas east of Parkside Place. Mrs. Kriebel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Other Business

A. Eagle Scout Request

Ms. Rorie stated that she had a meeting with an Eagle Scout who has done the work at West Point Park. She noted that he had completed a garden that has a flat stone and has requested that a plaque be installed dedicating the garden to those Eagle Scouts that have passed away in various forms of service.

6. Call For Adjournment

Mrs. Flanigan asked for any further questions or comments. There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie Kriebel
Secretary

The next Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007.