

PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paddy Nelson, Chairman
Eric Schott
Diana Werner
Audrey Reith

STAFF PRESENT:

Shane Kinsey, Public Works

ABSENT:

Julie Gardner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 24 meeting were approved as corrected.

Agenda items are recorded in the order they were addressed

PARK REPORTS

Township Park Report

Shane reported that the park is being maintained and utilized well. The Pond is healthy. The comfort station is ok. The additional water hydrants are in place. The Garden Shed is on order. There will be space in the shed for park maintenance Volunteer equipment and Community Garden Equipment.

Tree maintenance

The trees were edged and the stakes and garlic sticks and plastic chain are on order. There were in excess of 2500 trees planted in the park. Staff and volunteers are working to help as many as possible to maturity. The July and August Park Maintenance Days were predominantly focused on the trees.

Community Garden

The partnership with the Chester County Food Bank was not initiated through P and R advisory. Paddy requested some additional details and clarification from Suzanne.

TRAILS

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the P and R recommendation to proceed with the Gouge trail bridge / Stonecroft.

A trail audit report was submitted. It was accepted and may be attached to these minutes. In response to this report, and at Paddy's behest, it was decided to request the Township and BOS partner with the P and R Board to host an informal dinner meeting with the various HOA officers. The purpose of this meeting would be to inform the HOA's of the history and intent for community trails and to enlist their support.

Grant Recommendations

Steve Brown responded to our inquiries as to grant searches that The Township does not currently have any funds available with which to leverage grants. At this time Steve does not have any plans to look for grant money. He and the BOS are well aware that improvements and additions to the Park will have to be maintained. Audrey will do some deeper searching to try to find grants that might be used for maintenance or that do not require a match.

Review Board Membership

We were pleased to have Toinette Nelson visit the meeting and consider joining the P and R Board.

Diana reported that she contacted Linda Stegman regarding identifying a regular Dog park user who might join the P and R Board. She will let me know if she finds someone interested.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

The Funds reported are correct

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Next month's meeting will be held Wednesday, August 19th, 2015 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Werner