

Recreation Board Meeting

Minutes

September 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Diehl who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Members present were Diehl, Lougee, Meck, Wilkens and Wilson. Also present were Assistant Parks Director Herron, Council Liaison Stoner and Manager Dennis.

Guests: Toby Speck introduced himself, representing the Mechanicsburg Highway Department.

Citizen Comments: None.

Minutes: Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Lougee, to accept the August 12, 2014 minutes as presented. Approved.

Reports: Assistant Director Herron provided reports on the playground programs and recreation activities along with a September 2014 newsletter. Positive comments were shared on the programs along with some discussion on possible supervisor orientations for participants with disabilities. The Rec Department will be having a float in the Halloween Parade in October.

Liaison: Councilman Stoner reminded everyone of the Joint Recreation Board meeting set for October 8, 2014 at Upper Allen Township. Councilman Stoner and Manager Dennis will meet with Mike Stewart of the American Legion Post 109 tomorrow evening to discuss donations for park equipment repairs. Officers are working to determine dark area of the parks for possible additional lighting options.

Manager: Manager Dennis discussed some of Highway Department employee Toby Speck's job responsibilities in the parks. Pool monies were down a bit but the concession stand figures seem consistent with other years but the possibility of outsourcing the concession stand continues to be discussed. The base of the small purple slide is beginning to rot and will needed replaced or removed.

Parks: Memorial—A bees nest was removed from around the tennis court area. Water will not be turned off until the completion of most fall activities. Koser—St. Joseph's did not have a football team this year due to lack of participants so the park is less active than normal for this time of year. Finkenbinder—things are good there with the exception of the fencing along the Green St. side and Toby will continue to monitor that for damages or replacement.

Action items: None

Any other business: The Phase II bid results were discussed and the pickle ball courts are expensive but popular. Several options were explained and after much discussion Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Wilson to modify the Phase II options to keep the pickle ball courts while scaling back the press box while completing all the work as spelled out in the bid process. Approved.

With no further business to discuss, Meck moved, seconded by Wilkens to adjourn the meeting. Approved.

Next meeting is WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2014 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

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