

Recreation Board Meeting
Minutes
March 08, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Crobak followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Members present were Meck, Wilkens, Weber, Wilson, Lougee, McDermott and Crobak. Also present were Rec Director Brown, Councilmen Stoner, Anthony, Miller and Assistant Borough Manager Boyer. No guests present.

Minutes: Wilkens motioned, seconded by Lougee to approve the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Approved.

Guests: Councilman Anthony informed the Board that the Community Outreach Committee discussed holding a Community Day in Memorial Park and would like assistance in getting a Committee together to head the event. Anthony asked the Board if they would like to take the lead on the project. The Board showed interest and after some discussion on when the Committee wishes to have the Community Day, Chairman Crobak stated that he would add it as an action item to the agenda for tonight.

Reports: Director Brown reported that the Recreation Department hired Josh Green for the Assistant Director position. Chairman Crobak asked if Josh could attend the next meeting to introduce himself. Brown stated that the brochure is at the printer right now. Brown reported that she met with the Mechanicsburg Swim Club (MSC) two times and their proposal for the coming season is to swim at the outdoor pool Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:30-8:30pm starting at the end of the school year until mid-July. The team will swim indoors Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and will need use of the outdoor pool for three Saturday meets, none of which have official dates yet. Brown is suggesting giving the team 25% off of their membership rates, this difference of which will easily be made back in concession stand purchases. Crobak asked if the MSC was at the pool at all last year. Brown clarified that no they were not but, they made a \$1,000 donation for use for meets. Crobak asked if the School Board approved the partnership. Brown stated that it was on the Agenda for the School Board's meeting that evening. Crobak asked about the Easter Egg Hunt and if there is a need for volunteers. Brown stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will take place March 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. and any volunteers should meet at 10 a.m. Crobak asked about the upcoming dance. Brown stated that the In the Spotlight Dance will also be held on March 19, 2016 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Liaison: Councilman Stoner had nothing to report.

Manager's report: *Update on 2016 Park and Pool Budgets* - Assistant Borough Manger Boyer, who was in attendance for Manager Dennis provided the Board with the budget spreadsheets for 2014, 2015 & 2016. Boyer stated that she would attempt to answer any questions that the Board has and anything she can't she will research for next meeting. The Board had a few questions on the costs of updating some aging features at the pool and how feasible that will be in the coming years. After a brief discussion of estimates and timelines they moved on.

Parks: Increased use of all parks was observed by all members. Chairman Crobak asked if the lights for the courts in Memorial Park would need a time adjustment for daylight savings time. Assistant Manager Boyer stated that she would check to make sure.

Action Items:

- Weber motioned and Meck seconded to update the pool agreement for the 2016 season. After brief discussion the motion passed with all in favor.
- Meck motioned and Wilson seconded to approve the final recommendation for the placement of the "Sealover Monument", which passed with all in favor.
- The Board discussed a brainstorming meeting with Borough Council and determined that they will hold it in conjunction with the regular Recreation Board Meeting for May. The meeting will begin as a short business meeting at 6:30 p.m. and then the brainstorming meeting will proceed at 7 p.m. Borough Council will be invited to attend and contribute. If no one from Council can attend the May meeting the Board will look into moving the date at that time.
- (From The Floor) The Board discussed timing for the Community Day event Councilman Anthony proposed and appointed a sub-committee to head the event that consists of: Wilkens & McDermott, Co-Chairs; Wilson & Weber, members and Meck – ex-officio member. Anthony will get the handful of volunteers he has that are interested in helping with the even in contact with the co-chairs.

Community Input:

1. Lacrosse Club Request for Field Space: Brown stated that she had requested that they attend tonight's meeting, to no avail. At this time she is still trying to find some if any filed availability for them.
2. Suggestion to Have a Naturalist Provide Programing at Borough Parks: The Board discussed the possibility of finding a qualified volunteer from the community that may be interested in running some kind of naturalist walks or finding out more about how much public interest there is in that type of programing.

Wilson asked if there any further updates on the Legacy Park and pool development to which Councilman Stoner replied there was none.

Any Other Business: Councilman Stoner and Brown briefly discussed the need to organize for an upcoming meeting between the School Board, Shiremanstown, Upper Allen & the Borough. With nothing more to discuss Wilkens motioned to adjourn at 8:28 PM, Meck seconded and the motioned passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Martin