

Recreation Board Meeting—May 10, 2016

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crobak at 6:30 PM who led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed the following present: Crobak, McDermott, Lougee, Wilkens, Wilson, Meck, Weber, Councilman Stoner, Interim Manager Boyer and Rec Director Brown, along with all invited councilmen that included Jack Winchell, Gary Weber, Scott Pellman, John Anthony. Kyle Miller arrived shortly thereafter.

Minutes: Wilkens moved, Lougee second, to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2016 meeting. Approved.

Reports: Director Brown had emailed her reports earlier in the week and no questions came up. Pool employees have been hired, preparations are being made and ticket sales are progressing although slowly due to poor weather.

Liaison: Councilman Stoner gave an oral recap of the Joint Rec Board meeting that was held at Shiremanstown Borough. A new Joint Agreement has been signed.

Manager's Report: Interim Manager Boyer spoke on the request from the Teeners for fence upgrades at Northside Field as well as reminded all of the fencing requests at Koser. More information is still needed before action can be taken.

Parks: Memorial: Discussion was held on the condition of the restroom floors which are 14 years old. It was suggested to power wash them and follow up with a polished concrete sealant. Interim Manager Boyer will check with Park Maintenance on completing this task. Koser: Deer were recently spotted in the area! No major damage to equipment or the pavilion has been noticed. Finkenbinder: The area is being heavily used especially during baseball games and more bench seating could be beneficial in the playground area. Boyer will check with Park Maintenance for bench availability. Weber brought up discussion on metal plates covering holes in the ground. Dirt and bricks are being thrown in the holes. Crobak will check if the plates belong to the water company and where the actual property lines exist.

Other Business: This included a discussion on recognition for past chairman Steve Diehl through a bench, tree or plaque marker. More details will follow depending on cost and availability.

The regular Recreation meeting flowed into general discussion with the members of Borough Council who were invited this evening to discuss, plan and prioritize the functions of the Rec Board. Brief introductions were done followed by discussions into the goals of the evening. Crobak provided several questions for feedback, evaluation and planning purposes. Most feel that currently, recreational activities are important in the Borough while opinions were rather split on if the current visions and plans for recreation are up to date and communicated to the

residents. It was agreed on that a mission statement should be created and a multi-year plan developed and adopted by council to continue progress and enrichment. Most feel that Rec should annually provide input to the borough manager for a prioritized recreational budget and feel that our parks and facilities adequately meet the current needs of the community. Generally speaking, the level of programming and activities provided is good to excellent in meeting the five community groups: family, adults, teens, children and seniors.

Future groups that were mentioned to meet with the Recreation Board included the Police Department and the Highway/Park Maintenance Departments. Accolades were given for the bocce courts with signage, and the pickle ball courts which seem to be used constantly. Crobak thanked all for attending and sharing ideas, discussion and input.

On a motion by Weber, and a second by Meck, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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