

Recreation Board Meeting

Minutes

June 14, 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 Weber, Wilson, McDermott, Meck and Crobak. Also present were Rec Director Brown, Councilman Stoner and Interim Manager Boyer.

On a motion to amend the May 2016 minutes to read.....'There was a consensus' that a mission statement be created'made by Weber and seconded by Meck, the minutes were accepted as amended. Approved.

Guests: Roger Ciecierski, Borough Codes and Zoning Official spoke on the most recent information on the Legacy Park Development and 64.78 acres of available space from the entire 185.55 acres of the project. Phase One of the project is mostly housing so the recreational amenities will be developed in Phases Two, Three and Four. The colored map provided displayed bio-retention pond areas as per DEP requirements but they are not considered recreational space. Other colors marked out the area of the floodway of Cedar Run, along with areas for tot lots, seating and trees. The TND (Traditional Neighborhood Design) has *open spaces*, which does not necessarily mean *recreational areas*. Gazebos will be in the roundabouts and the 8-10' deep pond may have the potential for ice-skating if it freezes. Discussion also included sidewalk connections to Koser Park and Elmwood Elementary School. Several Home Owners Associations will be responsible for the different areas including control of the small swimming pool available to the apartment units. The Developer will be installing the pump station and there are numerous utilities easements that will need to be dealt with during development. Discussion was also held on what, if any, recreational fees are being paid by the development. These are still to be determined however the Rec Board urges and supports Borough Council to negotiate with the developers for fees comparable to neighboring areas that receive \$1500 to \$2000 per unit. Director Brown brought attention to the inaccuracy of the figures provided from Landmark Homes on park/school acreage available, giving the example that instead of the listed 16 available at the high school, it is actually closer to 2-4 acres.

Reports: Director Brown reviewed the written reports emailed earlier in the day. Adventure camps are well underway and things are off to a good start despite the transition and training of people.

Liaison: Nothing at this time.

Manager: Interim Manager Boyer also reported a good start to the pool season although monies are still a low.

Parks: Memorial: It's a busy, active area and well mowed. Weber noted an area of the sidewalk leading into the pool house where the edges drop, leading to potential twisted ankles. Interim Manager will contact Park Maintenance man Speck to look into the area. Koser: Very busy with activity and Crobak will be meeting with the Teener coaches about the backstop repairs/additions that may be needed. Finkenbinder: Minor vandalism has taken place and the metal ground plates near the Little League building still need attention.

Action Items/Any other business: Weber voiced the concern on receiving appropriate rec fees in lieu of usable recreation space in the Legacy Park development. Questions arose about who will be responsible for things like organized activities, bathroom facilities and what expectations will be with this project. Crobak will email the board and follow up with Council on the upcoming opportunities with the development. The Council/Rec Board Joint Meeting item was tabled until next month.

Upcoming events: July 13th Senior Games

July 23rd Tri4Kids Event---volunteers still needed.

Aug 20th Community Day with a 'dive in' movie among other activities

On a suggestion from McDermott, Crobak will send a note of congratulations to Chief Myers on behalf of the Rec Board and also invite her to an upcoming meeting.

There was no other business so the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM on a motion by Wilson and a second by Weber. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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