

MINUTES

RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

January 24, 2007

The following were in ATTENDANCE:

RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD

Scott Duncanson
James Kaiser
Susan Parry
Robert Pelles
Greg Mahon

Donna Paul, Township Representative
Thomas Vernau, Manager
Trudy Metzler, Recording Secretary

Mr. Duncanson called the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Haskins and Mr. Edwards were absent with excuse.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Parry moved to retain the following slate of officers for 2007:

Scott Duncanson, Chairman
James Kaiser, Vice-Chairman
Robert Edwards, Secretary

Mr. Pelles seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2006 Meeting

Mr. Pelles moved to approve the Minutes from the October 25, 2006 Meeting as submitted.
Mr. Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2006 Meeting

Ms. Parry moved to approve the Minutes from the November 15, 2006 Meeting as corrected.
Mr. Pelles seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Duncanson introduced Greg Mahon and welcomed him to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Park of the Month – Wass Park

Mr. Duncanson advised the Board that he been at Wass Park recently that a warning path for the baseball park has been installed, but from center field to leftfield still collects water when it rains. Mr. Duncanson requested that Mr. Chianos be advised of the problem.

LIAISON REPORT

There was no Liaison Report.

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF REPORT

Activities

Ms. Paul advised the Board of the following:

1. Distribution of updates for “The Parks” Strategic Plan Book.
2. Donation letters are being submitted to local businesses for Easter Egg Hunt.
3. Rec Beat article due February 8.
4. Finalizing plans for “Music in The Park” event scheduled for July 22, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. .
5. Leases and Agreements for softball, baseball and soccer field usages are being prepared.
6. Planning for July 4th Picnic. Ms. Parry volunteered to co-chair.

Parks Staff Report

Mrs. Paul advised the Board of the following:

1. Documents prepared for 2007 Softball/Baseball Season.
2. Brick BBQ fireplace grills removed and replaced with new metal grills at Tot Lot, Upper & Lower Pavilions.
3. Upper restroom area and grounds work.
4. Repaired bench at Wass Park and cleaned-up caution tape and stakes in outfield area.

5. General parks & LACP maintenance.
6. Tree trimming and dead pine removal in area of golf area at LACP.
7. Dog waste removed from Dog Park.
8. General maintenance and landscape work around upper restroom and concession stand area.
9. Softball and baseball scheduling work.
10. Lock repair on upstairs cleaning closet.
11. Removed tree from Beacon Hill tennis courts.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopt-A-Park Program

Mr. Duncanson advised the Board the meeting with he, Ms. Haskins and Ms. Parry to devise another plan for the Adopt-A-Park Program did not take place over the holidays, but will take place.

Mr. Duncanson would like this program to be presented to the Board of Commissioners this year.

Skate Park

Mr. Duncanson asked Mr. Vernau if there was any progress on the skate park.

Mr. Vernau advised the Board that the committee had come up with a dollar amount for a feasibility study and that two things have happened since then:

1. Both the Borough of New Cumberland and the West Shore School District withdrew from the coalition.
2. Two bids were received and both were over the budget amount for the feasibility study.

West Shore Recreation contacted the remaining municipalities and asked if they would divide the School District's and New Cumberland's share. Lower Allen Township's Board of Commissioners chose not too pick-up additional costs. Negotiations were ongoing with one of the bidders to come in at the budgeted amount.

Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Ped/Bike Committee Update

Mr. Duncanson advised the Board that a joint meeting with the Planning Commission took place in December. Donna Paul, Bob Edwards and Mr. Duncanson attended.

Brooke Lenker gave an excellent presentation and it is hoped that after the next Ped/Bike Committee meeting they will be ready to go before the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion ensued.

Annual Report to Board of Commissioners

Mr. Duncanson asked Ms. Paul to schedule him to address the Board of Commissioners on February 12 if possible.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gardener's Gathering

Discussion ensued regarding specific workshops. It was decided that the plant swap would be at the end of the day.

ADOURN

The Recreation and Parks Board Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.