

MINUTES

RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

September 26, 2007

The following were in ATTENDANCE:

RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD

Scott Duncanson

Sandra Haskins

Robert Pelles

Greg Mahon

James Kaiser

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Donna Paul, Township Representative

Flora Dasher, Assistant Recording Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2007 Meeting

MR. PELLEES moved to approve the Minutes from the August 22, 2007, Recreation and Parks meeting as revised. **MR. KAISER** seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Park of the Month – Lower Allen Community Park

Mrs. Paul advised that the upper and lower fields have been aerated and are re-seeded. Mr. Duncanson expressed concern regarding the two soccer tournaments coming up in the next two weeks. Mrs. Paul responded the reseeding was done about a week ago and trusts the worker in charge in regard to his timing.

Mr. Duncanson added long term goals to the business plan due to Jim Chianos' comments to the initial drafted priority list about replacing playground equipment at the Field of Dreams.

Ms. Haskins inquired about how much use the boat launch has gotten and if there is any new information on this. Mr. Duncanson has seen it used by a lot of people and Mrs. Paul responded that it is really nice and much more than what was expected.

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF / ACTIVITIES REPORT

Mini-Grants

Allendale Association applied for the second round of mini-grants and this has been approved for \$250.00. This will be for the continuation of their low voltage lighting in the mall area through a transformer. Mrs. Paul stated that as soon as she receives the signed agreement from Craig Adams a check will be sent.

Soccer Tournaments

West Shore Soccer Tournament is this coming weekend and will only be held on Saturday. The following weekend will be the Dillsburg Soccer Tournament on Saturday, October 6th and Sunday, October 7th. The tournaments will be held at the Lower Allen Community Park.

Annual Township Chicken Barbecue

Township will be having a chicken barbecue at Lower Allen Community Park on Saturday, October 6th starting at 10:30 a.m. Barbecue will held until chicken is sold out. Mr. Duncanson inquired about who gets the proceeds. Mrs. Paul assured him that all the proceeds go to the township.

Sheepford Park Update

Mrs. Paul advised the board that the water fountain has been installed and that this project is complete for Sheepford Park. This item can be deleted from the Priority List.

OLD BUSINESS

Yellow Breeches Park Eagle Scout Project

Mrs. Paul advised the board that Casey would be bringing updates on the signs that need replaced and where he would like them placed when he stops by the office September 27th. Park staff want to replace these with new ones and will be doing the installation for Casey.

Ms. Paul advised that a picnic table had been thrown into the water and staff recovered it and chained it down. The picnic table later was stolen, but has now been replace with a new one.

West Shore Recreation - Summer Playground Program

Mr. Duncanson reported that West Shore Recreation has agreed to host and promote a Summer Blast location in Lower Allen Township in 2008. Discussion entailed about statistics they submitted with how many children are enrolled in summer programs and comparisons from year 1995 to 2005.

Adopt-A-Park Program

Mrs. Paul stated she sent Mr. Chianos a revised packet of information regarding Adopt-A-Park. She asked for input and concerns, but has not heard anything at this time. The next step is to have Mr. Vernau, Manager review the information before presenting it to the Board of Commissioners. This will be an item on the next agenda.

Business Plan and Long Term Goals Priorities List for 2007

Mr. Vernau, Commissioner Black, and Mr. Chianos all received a copy of the Priority List created on September 18, 2007. Mr. Vernau invited Mr. Duncanson to attend a Board of Commissioner meeting to present this list. Mr. Duncanson will be attending the October 8, 2007 Board of Commissioners meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Duncanson advised that there may be a few other scout projects sited for the Lower Allen Park Nature Trail. Projects include: adding benches, a kiosk, and a potential butterfly garden. Mr. Chianos will develop these projects. They will be presented to the board possibly in the Winter of this year when these projects are better defined. Mr. Chianos suggested being more active in park projects because he is Park Superintendent and Mrs. Paul feels he has good advice and may be able to help with supplies, donations, and help with correct installation of items at the park.

ADJOURN

MS. HASKINS moved to adjourn the meeting and **MR. KAISER** seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The Recreation and Parks Board Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board will be Wednesday, October 28, 2007.