

YORK TOWNSHIP RECREATION & PARKS BOARD MINUTES

June 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Shelly, Dean Krout, Jim O'Neill, Joseph Hackett, Michael Derk
Also present – Debra Hatley, Director; Jim Scarborough, Liberty Parks and Playgrounds

ABSENT

Stephen Hobbs, Rebecca Shettel

MINUTES & BUDGET REPORT

Dean made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Jim seconded. All approved.
Michael made a motion to accept the budget report as printed. Jim seconded. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Scarborough, Liberty Parks and Playgrounds, presented literature for playground and sports equipment to the board members. He stated that the company is based in Delaware, but he lives in York and is the local representative for the company. The company is a vendor for Miracle Recreation Equipment. He complimented the park system and said that if the board was ever in need of equipment or just assistance, he is available.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval for Fireworks Display on July 3

The board discussed the possibility of combining a fireworks show with the Free Friday Night Flick on July 3. A budget of \$2500 for the show and maybe also a concert was mentioned. The board directed Debra to see if a show could still be booked for that weekend. Michael made a motion for the Recreation Director to spend up to \$2500 on a fireworks show and a concert for July 3 at York Township Park. Joe seconded. All approved.

Stage for Summer Concerts

The board has previously directed the Recreation Director to see if a portable stage was available from the school district for use with the summer concerts. Debra reported that the stage was not available for use. The board discussed the possibility of building something before the concerts started in August and whether or not a permit would be needed. The board decided to put the bands in the parking lot at York Township Park for the concerts and run power from Pavilion #2.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Stump Park – 2009

Bids will be opened on Monday, June 8. The latest plan to move forward will hopefully have us moving dirt by late July. While the project should be completed by December 2009 in order to receive the funds from DCNR, it is possible that DCNR will give us an extension if sufficient progress is being made. DCNR has requested a progress report in October. The ARRA grant that was applied for will be decided in late July.

The board discussed who would be managing the project and it was agreed that if the fees were reasonable, we would stay with JMT if possible.

DIVISION REPORTS

See reports distributed by Debra Hatley.

Debra reported that the numbers for the Playground Program are growing. She and Monica, the Program Director, had discussed other options for Swim Day on Tuesday, such as going to the Graham Aquatic Center, because we may have too many kids to have them all at once at the Dallastown Middle School Pool and there is no other time available to possibly go in two different shifts. Dan stated that he had a contact with the YMCA and he would get in touch with him/her and then get back to the department. It was also stated that the Red Lion School District may have pool time available as well.

UPCOMING DEPARTMENT/TOWNSHIP EVENTS

See report distributed by Debra Hatley.

Debra also reminded the board members about the night with the York Revolution on Wednesday, June 17.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Dan asked about the possibility of having a community garden somewhere on the Markey Park property, similar to what is available at the Horn Farm. We could charge \$25 a plot. Debra stated that the obstacles at this time is that there is not an accessible road to the area located next to the Township Building, so people could not drive up to the plots. Debra will contact York County Parks for its guidelines on community gardens.

For future budget/planning considerations, it was stated that the board should keep the community garden and a stage in mind.

ADJOURNMENT

Dan made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.