

YORK TOWNSHIP RECREATION & PARKS BOARD MINUTES

September 9, 2010

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Hackett, Dean Krout, Jim O'Neill, Daniel Shelly

ABSENT

Michael Derk, Rebecca Shettel

MINUTES & BUDGET REPORT

Jim moved to approve the July minutes as printed. It was noted that there were no August minutes as a quorum was not available for a meeting. Joseph seconded. All approved.

Joseph moved to approve the July and August budget reports as printed. Jim seconded. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2010 and 2011 Contribution Requests—The contribution to York Township Baseball for 2010 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$1200. The 2011 amount will be determined when representatives from the team come in for a presentation. The 2010 contribution for Tennis for Kids was approved at \$1000. The 2011 contribution was approved at half the cost of the Dallastown site, up to \$1000. All contributions are pending final approval of the 2011 budget.

Stump Park Sign and Benches—Debra is contacting local companies regarding the sign. Representatives from DCNR did a walk-through of the property on September 14 and preliminary signed off on the project pending the installation of the sign and benches.

MA & PA Community Greenway Update—Debra reported that a Study Committee Meeting was held on August 27 to update members on the Feasibility Study. A site for a pilot project was discussed by the study members and it was determined to be an area in York Township that will also connect the 3 boroughs. The final public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. at the Dallastown Borough Office. Debra encouraged all board members to attend to get the most accurate information.

Snyder Park/Fitz Park/Shryock Park Improvements—Debra reported the staff recommendations regarding these projects: Snyder Park has drainage issues and funds were budgeted for its repair in 2010. Staff recommended that the field at Snyder be grassed and that a new skinned field for softball be developed at Fitz Park. The cost to seed Snyder Park would not use all the allocated funds and the maintenance staff

recommended that the remaining funds be used to regrade and sod the infield at Shryock Park. Currently, the infield floods easily and holds water longer due to the "bowl" effect of the infield. The Recreation Board unanimously approved the seeding of the ballfield at Snyder Park and the reallocation of the remaining funds for the improvements at Shryock Field. The Board members also stated that they only wanted to place a skinned field at Fitz Park as long as at least a youth soccer field was kept/developed as well.

2011 Budget—The Recreation Board reviewed a preliminary operating budget for the department and approved it.

Other Discussion/Action Items

Stephen Hobbs resigned from the Recreation Board. Debra will post the opening on the website and send out a notice via the department's email newsletter.

The Recreation Board discussed possible changes for the regular meeting time/date. This will be discussed in upcoming meetings so that any changes will be implemented for the 2011 calendar.

Debra stated that the school district has further limited access to gym space by eliminating all rentals at the High School and the Middle School. This will primarily affect the department's Pickup Basketball program as it was held at the Middle School on Sunday nights. However, all sites and programs are affected as everyone is trying to make up for losing the time at the High School and the Middle School by using the elementary schools.

Staff had been discussing the possibility of closing fields early due to a fungus that was present on the fields during the summer. The fields were sprayed, but the fungus created clumpy spots in the fields and reseeding would be necessary to fill the spots. Closing early would allow the seed to germinate in the late fall. The Board decided against closing the fields early as they had already been allocated and schedules set. The fields will be evaluated in the spring to determine any scheduled closings.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See report distributed by Debra Hatley

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

See report distributed by Debra Hatley

DIVISION REPORTS – Administration, Recreation, Parks

See reports distributed by Debra Hatley

UPCOMING DEPARTMENT/ TOWNSHIP EVENTS

See report distributed by Debra Hatley

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.