

# York Township

## Recreation & Parks Board

## Minutes

January 2, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. at the York Township Community Center.

**Members Present:** Dean Krout presiding, Richard Achtzehn, Michael Derk, Nina Grove, Ron Kirkwood and Daniel Shelly. Also Dale Dalton, Recreation & Parks Director, Lee Rohrbaugh, Community Center Manager, and Monica Newcomb, Community Center Program Director.

**Minutes & Budget Report** The minutes and budget reports were approved as printed.

**Introduction of Visitors** Josephine Dick, Ed Dick, John Seville, Lou Tateosian, Pauline Flinchbaugh and Richard Geidel attended the meeting.

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** - Pauline Flinchbaugh and Richard Geidel represented the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. She asked if the Recreation & Parks Department would be willing to do a sports day. The committee would prefer Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. The Committee would do the publicity, refreshments and would purchase needed awards. The activities would be at the discretion of the Recreation and Parks Board. Some of the ideas are a 5K run, horseshoe tournament, volleyball tournament, basketball shoot-out and soccer tournament. Dan Shelly volunteered to chair that day. Dale said that he will need the date soon to reserve all park facilities.

Some other events that the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is planning are a Victorian Tea and fashion show on April 12. The big event will be the "Olde Tyme York Township Days" on June 27, 28 and 29. Some of the events planned for that day are a chicken barbecue, concerts, speakers and fireworks. In October, they are planning on having an "OctoberFest". The last event will be the lighting of a Christmas tree on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ron suggested that the sports day be intermingled with the Old Tyme Days instead of its own day. Nina, Dan and Monica agreed. Monica said that the Community Center has a community events day the second Saturday of August at the pool. Nina suggested that it would be a good idea to combine these two events. The consensus was that the August date would be good. Monica volunteered to help Dan with the planning. Richard Geidel will serve as the liaison with the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee.

Pauline reported that the Holiday Holly and Ivy Tour went well. Nina said she had about 300 people go through her house.

Pauline said she'll get something ready for the next newsletter. Dean suggested putting in what's already been done. Lou suggested that this information can be included free in the Community Courier. Monica said that they advertise some programs in it already. It's free as long as it is submitted as an article.

**Director's  
Report**

**Recreation, Park and Greenway Study Committee** - Lou mentioned that there were several committees suggested in the report. He would like to see these organized to get other people involved. These committees can report to the Recreation & Parks Board. Dean said we're approaching them by current priority. Nina suggested that we're not to point yet on an organizational structure. She would like to keep the study committee in contact with the Board. Lou said he thought that they did their work and should be dissolved. The member can get on other committees if they want. Dean said we should invite them back for a wrap-up meeting. They are a good resource for the future.

**Logo** - Dale suggested that our current logo is outdated. He passed around a new one that was developed through the transportation study. We can do it in color with the new laser color printer that the Township now has. He will play with it a little. We also have to see how it will look in black and white.

**Park Building Uses** - Dale reported that the Park Building was used 343 time in 2002. This is an increase of 40 over the previous year. It is not unusual to have 2 or 3 rentals on Saturdays or Sundays.

**Winter Programs** - It was suggested that we could move some activities to the Community Center such as the Gymkids program and 55 Alive classes. The boating safety class may be getting more participants due to a change in the state laws regrading boating. The photography class was very popular with 22 participants. It will be offered again. The Red Cross is willing to offer a wide assortment of classes such as first aid, CPR and babysitting. Most of these can be held at the Community Center. Monica suggested offering foreign language classes. Nina said that she knows someone who would be qualified. Monica suggested an 8 week aerobics class session to see how the turnout is. Nina suggested that it may be a good idea to add a theme.

**Newsletter** - It was suggested that the Recreation Department and Community Center sections of the newsletter be combined. It must be made clear that people do not have to be members of the YTCC to take classes here. Nina suggested that all program registrations be taken through the front desk at the community center.

Dale will be meeting with some local printers about upgrading the newsletter. Dean passed out some brochures that people that he works with do. They may be willing to help us redesign our newsletter for minimal cost. Nina said she thinks the newsletter needs a new look.

**Old Business**

**Swimming Pool Issues** - Dean will call people about being on a pool committee. Dale suggested that we consider replacing all of the playground equipment because it does not meet current Consumer Product Safety Commission standards. He would also like to see us adding a small slide to replace the diving boards that were removed last year. He does not see any major renovations to the pool this year. It was suggested that pool membership information be included in the newsletter. Dan suggested that a letter be sent to the pool members letting them know what is happening. A similar letter should be sent to all YTCC members about the merger of the Recreation & Parks Department and Community Center.

**Community Center Consultant** - The grant application has not yet been sent to the Penna. Recreation & Park Society in regards to getting a consultant to look at the operation of the Community Center. Dean has e-mailed Ken Ballard but has not heard back yet.

### **New Business**

**Organizational Chart** - Nina handed out a proposed organizational chart. Dale, Lee and Monica have all been using vacation time around Christmas so nothing has been done. They will be getting together in the next couple of weeks. Dale suggested that he needs to have his office at the Community Center in order to make this work smoothly but there is no good place to put his office right now. Nina said that we need to carve out where people are and their responsibilities. Dale will have to give up some of his responsibilities and take on others. There could be some rough sports but that is normal. Nina outlined how committees could work, with reports to the board. Dean said Dale needs to be here by February. Mark Derr was been studying this. Dale, Monica & Lee were asked to brainstorm about people, responsibilities and organization. Nina said that we're lucky to have these three people. We need to be supportive of them and we need to track their progress and report it. Dean said that we need to keep things moving and try to make progress on a weekly basis.

**Softball Program** - Dean suggested that we look at turning the girls' softball program over to an organization like the Cougars run youth baseball and football. There are people in the community with knowledge about this.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.