

YORK TOWNSHIP RECREATION & PARKS BOARD MINUTES

April 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Krout, Jim O'Neill, Dan Shelly, Michael Derk, Rich Achtzehn. Also present – Debra Hatley, Director; Andy Mears, JMT; Phil Briddell, York Township Commissioner; Jay Dimler, York Township Baseball

MINUTES & BUDGET REPORT

The March 2008 minutes and the March 2008 budget was approved as printed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

A. Stump Park/Markey Park Update

Andy Mears with JMT presented a base bid option with alternates for Markey Park development. He also shared a comparison of proposed budgets for other projects in York County of a similar nature to Stump and Markey Parks. The Board discussed the possibility of moving forward with the development of this park or focus on developing the athletic fields at Stump Park. The Board voted to keep the development of Markey Park in a holding status at this time.

The Board also voted to approve a request to DCNR to transfer the grant it had received for the development of athletic fields at Markey Park to be used for the development of same fields at Stump Park instead. This is being done because the design at Markey Park has been modified to be more passive, with no athletic fields proposed in the area designated for Phase I development.

B. York Township Baseball Team's Request

The York Township Baseball Team requested permission to put up 2 boards, no larger than 4' x 4' on the outfield fence at McWilliams Field to honor 2 players who will have their numbers retired. The team would be responsible for keeping the boards in presentable condition as determined by the Recreation Board. The Board approved the request. The Board also approved the annual donation to the team.

STAFF REPORTS

The department's March 2008 report was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Fitz Park Playground/Expansion Update
Debra reported that she had received several calls regarding the removal of the playground. Residents were inquiring as to whether or not the playground would be replaced this year. The Board discussed it and decided to wait as planned until next year to replace the equipment.

The Board also directed Debra to move forward with having the Township adopt the land and start the land development plan for the expansion. Debra stated that there may be some issues with the Township adopting the land at this time. A sketch plan for the park could be still be done at this time.

- B. Bocce Court Renovation
Debra stated that the bocce court renovation had been completed and requested to take the funds for it from the Recreation Fee Fund. The Board approved.
- C. Trolley Line UPdate
First Energy has provided our solicitor with the go-ahead for a remediation plan for the proposed trail upon the Trolley Line.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Summer Playground Program Site at Dallastown Community Park
Debra reported that she had been contacted by Dallastown regarding holding a summer playground program at its park. The current program is being moved. Since funds were not available to add another site this year, the Board discussed moving an existing site to Dallastown. The Board decided against moving an existing site to Dallastown for this year.
- B. Open Recreation Board Seats
The Board discussed the open seats on the board and offered suggestions to Debra. She will try to contact them to see if they are interested in serving and then start the process to get them approved.

OTHER

- A. Representative Appointment to the Ma & Pa Community Greenway Feasibility Study Committee
Dan Shelly, a current Recreation Board member, was appointed to serve on the Study Committee as a representative for York Township.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.