

YORK TOWNSHIP RECREATION & PARKS BOARD MINUTES

July 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Krout, Rich Achtzehn, Rebecca Shettel, Michael Derk. Jim O'Neill. Also present – Debra Hatley, Director; John Pursel, Brian King, Sue Luman, Dave Carr, Greg Rebert, Richard Hill

MINUTES & BUDGET REPORT

Approved as printed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Pursel and Brian King – York Youth Soccer

They reported that 66% of last year's league were residents of York Township. They are concerned about field time for the League. They asked how the allocation of fields is done. They stressed that their league is a recreational league where "everyone plays". They are happy with the field time they are getting and just wanted to take the opportunity to offer their input. Debra questioned the 66% of the league being York Township residents. From the applications she received in 2007, this is not accurate.

Richard Hill – Dallastown Soccer Club

Richard had some questions regarding the Sports Partnership Application.

Sue Luman – Dallastown Fall Baseball

She reported that they have no money to pay for the fields. They would have to go to Red Lion or elsewhere to use the fields.

Dave Carr – He had some questions regarding field usage.

Greg Rebert – Dallastown American Legion Baseball

He attended to learn more about the Sports Partnership Policy.

Debra made some comments regarding recreation in York Township. She stated that each person in York Township paid only \$16 last year for recreation. Debra stated there aren't enough soccer fields available.

The Board discussed the Sports Partnership Policy and the concerns related to these organizations. The Board Members felt that the resident requirement is an important issue.

Rich Hill suggested that both York Youth Soccer League and the Dallastown Soccer Club maintain use of the fields.

Mike Derk made a motion that we approve the baseball applications with fees being waived until fall. Rich seconded the motion. All approved.

Mike made a motion that that we continue the previous practice through fall for both soccer groups. Residency audit would be done by next meeting and will select the sports partnerships at the next meeting. Jim O'Neill seconded. All approved.

PRESENTATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

- The department's June 2008 report was discussed.
- Debra reported that 350 people attended the June Jamboree.

Environmental Advisory Council - Public works finished the trail, but still some additional things being done.

OLD BUSINESS

Fitz Park – In the process of getting bids.

Stump Park/ Markey Park – Debra received a \$190,000 check for the purchase of Stump Park. Debra received a letter that we have gotten permission to move the grant from Markey Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Leader Athletic Club - Wellspan has purchased the property where Leader Athletic Club was located. Debra is going to approach them about the possibility of having the upper part of the property donated to the Township.

Stump Park – The Zoning Hearing Board made a special exception to use this land as recreational space. A neighbor had a concern about traffic and people getting on the property. It was approved with recommendations that a fence be put around the property. A traffic study will need to be done. PERT tests will be done in the next two weeks.

Ma & Pa Community Greenway Update – YSM and C.S. Davidson will do the feasibility study.

Park Building Renovations – Bids were \$108,000 but only \$75,000 was budgeted. The bids were approved by the Commissioners.

There are two Board vacancies. Debra will try to set up two interviews for next week with Joseph Hackett and Stephen Hobbs. Both of these individuals have expressed interest in serving on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.