

Park and Recreation Commission
June 3rd, 2008 Approved Meeting Minutes

PM made a motion to call the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. JBe seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mission statement: To facilitate the development and maintenance of safe and accessible passive and active park and recreational facilities to meet the identified needs and interests of the residents of East Fallowfield Township, Pennsylvania.

Attendees: Chris Makely (CM); Peter Massaro (PM); Joe Dietrich (JD); Brian Carling (BC); Jeanne Berlin (JBe); Janet Bowers (JBo); Ken Hanson (KH); Chris Della Penna (CDP)

A. Old Business

1. P&RC meeting minutes
 - a. PM made a motion to accept the revised minutes from the March 4th, 2008 meeting. The revised minutes should reflect Chris Makely as being in attendance. BC seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. BOS Meeting on May 27th, 2008 (for informational purposes only)
 - a. April 30, 2008 fee-in-lieu balance ~ \$447,029.36
 - b. See attached P&RC Summary of other topics presented.
3. Park Construction, Phase 1 – update
 - a. CDP explained the minor issues regarding the arrangement of the play ground equipment. The group decided that CDP was to interact with Simone Collins (SC) and the installation contractor to select the best arrangement.
 - b. CDP informed the group that a section of trail near the wood line leading to the pond was laid out over unstable soil. The unstable soil was excavated, removed and replaced with ballast. Lechmanik was uncertain if the backfill material would support the paving equipment. The group decided that if the trail could not be paved, that leaving it covered with stone dust was a suitable alternative.
 - c. CDP has recommended to Lechmanik that excess fill material should be moved over the gravel driveway to the former parking lot and graded to match the existing topography. The old roadway to the parking area above the pond will remain.
 - d. CDP has recommended that the walking trails be paved with a single 3-in. lift of ID 3 wearing course asphalt. This recommendation will hopefully lower the overall paving costs and would hopefully offset the costs associated with line b above. The group agreed that this recommendation was appropriate. It should be noted that the original design would have resulted in paved trails that exceed the paving ordinance of the Township.
4. Budget discussion
 - a. In an effort to expedite this discussion, CM offered to prepare a budget for the Commission to review and comment. CM believes the budget amount will be in the \$5 - 6,000 range.
 - b. CDP was asked approximately how many hours he will be charging the Township for the Phase I construction project. He estimates approximately 50-hrs. Although

uncertain, it should be expected that CDP would have similar obligations on future Township park projects.

B. New Business

1. Next P&RC meeting is scheduled for June 17th, 2008. Meeting to be held at the Township Park. Start time 6:30 pm. Jeff Schaeffer from Troop 16 will present his Eagle Scout project. We need to decide on how many benches, design and location. It would be ideal if we could walk the trail in the Brook Crossing donated land to see the maintenance issues detailed by Mr. Makely in the last meeting.
2. West Chester University biology professor Winfield Fairchild has received a grant to do a study of ponds in Chester County. Through Jan's and Brian's efforts he has included East Fallowfield's. He needs some historical data or information on ponds in our Township. It has been suggested that we invite him to one of our workshops along with the historical and planning commission so that we can have an open discussion. Can we discuss this idea?
3. Buck and Doe Run Watershed – presentation by Jan. Could result in signage for Dennis Run near road way crossings.
 - a. JBo presented a simple application that if completed and submitted would reflect the Township's interest in participating in this program. JBo volunteered to complete the application.
4. Newsletter
5. Ribbon cutting ceremony/grand opening
6. North Woods Development
 - a. CDP spoke to the group the developer of this property's interest in constructing an adult exercise area at the former tennis court location. Based upon the developer's commitment to pay the fee-in-lieu, the group agreed he is welcome to provide his community the recreational equipment he chooses.

Meeting adjournment