

Park and Recreation Commission
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
July 1st, 2008 Approved Meeting Minutes

PM made a motion to call meeting to order @ 6:35. Motion was 2nd by JBe. 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), Sue Massaro (SM), Jeanne Berlin (JBe), Brian Carling (BC), Sally Green (SG), Mike Green (MG), Jan Bowers (JBo), Joe Dietrich (JD)

A. Old Business

1. P&RC meeting minutes
 - a. PM made a motion to accept the P&RC June 3, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Motion was 2nd by JBe. Unanimous vote.
2. BOS Meeting on June 24th, 2008 (for informational purposes only)
 - a. As of May 31, 2008 fee-in-lieu balance ~ \$436,490.96
 - b. See attached P&RC Summary of other topics presented.
3. Park Construction, Phase 1 – update
 - a. **Action item** – PM will write a thank you to Brandywine Stone for the donation of the monument boulder.
4. Budget discussion
 - a. Waiting for Chris Makely to provide budget items for review.
5. Buck and Doe Run Watershed
 - a. Registration form has been completed and submitted. Thank you Jan Bowers.

B. New Business

1. SM presented current plans for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Grand Opening Party.
 - a. Date – Sunday, Sept 21
 - b. Time – 11 to 3:00 pm
 - c. Ribbon cutting ceremony – 1:00 pm
 - d. CASH band members and Meister singers to arrive @ 12:30 pm
 - e. Boy Scout Troop 48 will be selling food (expected to be hamburgers and hot dogs).
 - f. Leo Club from CASH will be invited to help out with set-up
 - g. Classic car show
 - h. No flea market but local crafters will be invited
 - i. Live entertainment (same singers as has performed for prior events)
 - j. Pond watch to be orchestrated by BC
 - k. P&RC is invited to set-up an exhibit
 - l. EFPTO will provide dunk tank
 - m. Potentially pony rides
 - n. Potentially face painting

- o. Potentially a moon bounce
 - p. Potentially a fishing contest
 - q. **Action item** – CM was going to inquire about the availability of a park map that depicts the trail locations. My notes are unclear as to who CM was going to contact.
 - r. **Action item** – PM is going to develop a list of invitees and addresses.
 - s. **Action item** – BC will contact both the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Daily Local News for press releases.
 - t. **Action item** – CM will call Rep. Hershey and Sen. Dinniman to confirm their attendance.
 - u. **Action item** – JBo to provide PM with addresses of the State and County agency contacts for inclusion on the invitation list.
 - v. No rain date.
2. Next P&RC meeting is scheduled for July 15th, 2008. Meeting to be held at the Township Park. Start time 6:30 pm. Purpose is to evaluate and comment on park construction progress. Also, to consider location of informational kiosk and flag pole field.
 3. Friend's meeting is Monday, July 28th @ 7:00 pm in the park.
 4. West Chester University biology professor Winfield Fairchild has received a grant to do a study of ponds in Chester County. Both Jim Sisk and Paula Coyne are available for a meeting with Win. Date, time and place to be determined.
 5. Newsletter – JBe is asking Friends to write the lead article for the P&RC newsletter due out immediately.
 6. Open discussion about the request from a resident of the Township to construct a butterfly garden memorializing a little girl who recently succumbed after 5-organ transplants. The question is, can an idea like this work in a public place? If so, how do we accommodate this request and others to follow?
 - a. The general feeling of the group is that a request like this can be converted into a “win/win” situation for both the resident and the Township. Therefore, it was decided that more time needs to be committed to preparing a plan that should be presented to the BOS. Some ideas to consider:
 - i. Uncertain if it has to be a resident or not.
 - ii. Preparing a list of tree or plant species that the resident could purchase and pay for the cost to have the township install in a designated area. Small indiscreet signage could be erected with wording like “In the memory of...”
 - iii. The township builds a garden of sorts and the surrounding brick walk way or edging has engraved bricks with the names of the person to be remembered.
 7. Scout Projects – Jeff Schaeffer of Boy Scout Troop 16 presented his Eagle Scout Project. Accepted by all members of the group.

Meeting adjournment