

Park and Recreation Commission
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
October 7th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Call meeting to order.

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: Peter Massaro (PM), Sue Massaro (SM), Jeanne Berlin (JBe), Cheryle Hanson (CHa), Bill Harker (BH), Emango Hopewell (EH), Carol Hopewell (Cho), Sally Green (SG), Michael Green (MG), Joe Dietrich (JD), Brian Carling (BC), Ken Hanson (KH), Dave Johns (DJ).

A. Old Business

1. P&RC meeting minutes
 - a. Review and discussion of P&RC September 2, 2008 meeting minutes. PM made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by DJ. The vote was unanimous.
2. BOS Meeting on September 23, 2008 (for informational purposes only)
 - a. As of August 31, 2008 fee-in-lieu balance – unknown
 - b. See attached P&RC Summary of other topics presented.
3. Grand opening ceremony – observation, comments from Friends and other members, participants (Jennifer Carling’s observations have been distributed and scanned and attached to these minutes. In addition:
 - a. Dust control on gravel driveway to lower lot
 - b. Embankment on north side of picnic area needs to be dressed up and have protruding wire removed.
 - c. Need to acquire one or two baby swings (JBe is still working on this).
 - d. How is handling of cash to be controlled?
 - e. Larger tent for more shade
 - f. Keep schools involved as they were a tremendous help
 - g. Need a pavilion
 - h. Need a hay ride or some means of taking people to pond or bringing pond activities up to where people are concentrated.
 - i. Open fallout shelter
 - j. Lure people to pond with activities such as remote control boat race
 - k. Move food down to pond area to attract people to the pond
 - l. Greater publicity (advertise in local papers)
4. Park Construction, Phase 1 – update
 - a. Flag pole area concept design – not discussed
 - b. Signage – not discussed
 - i. Park Rules
 - ii. “No vehicles” for intersections of gravel and paved trails.
5. Budget – not discussed

- a. Waiting for Chris Makely to provide budget items for review.
- b. Funding future design, development, acquisitions (Beagle Club).
- 6. Peco grant – Bryan to provide update. Due date is November 1, 2008 – not discussed
- 7. Wildlife crossing – discussion on position statement provided by Jan Bowers – not discussed
- 8. Pond name – discussion on how to select new name – not discussed
- 9. Membership in the commission and the terms of the membership – not discussed

B. New Business

- 1. Next P&RC meeting (workshop) is scheduled for October 21st, 2008. Start time 6:30 pm. Location will be at the Township Building.
- 2. Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society seminar titled “Show me the money!” Held October 9th at Caln municipal building.
- 3. Answers to the question “What is next?” (a through g were previously discussed)
 - a. Further development of the park according to Master site plan
 - b. Brinton Station
 - c. Restroom facilities
 - d. Pavilion
 - e. Vegetation management plan
 - f. Construct composting station with demonstration plot
 - g. Rejuvenate trails through woods including boardwalk to span wet areas
Raise awareness/funds through charitable events such as holding a walk/race at the park together with an earth day event (unlike the past events of car show, flea marketers, etc.)
 - h. Having a measurable goal. Signage that publicizes the goal and purpose.
Improve or enhance community awareness through registration on the Township website
- 4. Sub-committees – four subcommittees were formed. They are
 - a. Fund raising (Brian Carling, Sally Green, Cheryle Hanson, Sue Massaro)
 - i. Golf tournament
 - ii. Pledge bricks (flag pole area?)
 - iii. Charitable donations
 - iv. Trailblazer Fund raiser (walk/run, etc.)
 - v. Grants
 - b. Pavilion (Dan Johns, Ken Hanson, Mike Green, Peter Massaro)
 - c. Garden projects (Emango Hopewell, Mill Harkins, Joe Dietrich, Sally Green, Carol Hopewell)
 - i. Plant rain gardens
 - d. Communication (Joe Dietrich, Mike Green, Emango Hopewell, Jeanne Berlin)
 - i. Late winter early spring newsletter – informing residents of what is next and how this is going to be funded.
 - e. Election – (this subcommittee was formed after the meeting to address an immediate need. Presently only Jan Bowers has volunteered).

Meeting adjournment