



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes, July 28th 2010

Called to Order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD ATTENDEES

Tom Deily, Liza Gantert, Julie McDonell, Marti Schwartz, Corey Bruno

GUESTS

Eagle Scout candidate Kevin Jones & Mr. Jones, Mark Erle of LMYA

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 30th meeting approved upon a motion by Ms. McDonell, with a second from Mr. Deily and unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Jones from Troop 131 presented his Eagle Scout project: trees and benches around the playground at Spring Creek Estates Park. Kevin has reviewed with Lee Lichtenwalner, who mentioned the other benches that were recently placed at the park. Mr. Deily suggested moving a tree and/or bench closer to the existing path to make them more handicap accessible. Kevin would target finishing by end of September. Mr. Deily made a motion to recommend that the township supports this Eagle Scout project under Lee Lichtenwalners' supervision and approval. Mr. Bruno seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Camp Olympic

Ms. Gantert announced the final presentation Thursday, August 5th at the Board of Commissioners meeting. Various groups have inquired about using the facility, but no events have been finalized. A crayfish catch was held July 17th from 9-11 with large participation, led by Denise Foulke and Ms. Gantert.

No Treasurer's Report

Greenways & Comprehensive Trails

Sara Pandl said the LMT study proposal has been sent to Wildlands Conservancy for review before bids are solicited. A citizens committee will be formed to help guide the survey. The campus path contract was awarded to Livengood Excavators with completion targeted for the end of September. Due to budget constraints only Phase 1, circling the Community Center but not connecting to the township building, will be constructed.

Environmental Advisory Council

The board is working on a future electronics/appliance recycling event, with lower fees for depositing monitors, etc. Ms. Schwartz indicated that more items would have fees but those fees would be lower. Date is October 16th. The EAC discussed signage but has questions about how their needs, including interpretive signs and standard signs, fit into the program.

LMYA

Mark Erle, VP of LMYA, represented LMYA. No formal report, but Ms. McDonell asked about temporary lighting progress and indicated this request should go through zoning. Chris McGrath of the LMYA Soccer program is handling the project.

Spring was a good season though numbers were down slightly. LMYA cannot advertise through the school any more due to a change in policy, so the group is focusing on LMT avenues. Additional volunteer recognition this year will include a picnic for volunteers at Wescosville Recreation Center in late August.



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Mr. Erle reminded the board that LMYA meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 at Wescosville Recreation Center.

Planning Meeting

No new business. Board discussed moving the meeting to allow more time between planning meetings and Board meetings.

Beaumont Benches

Ms. Schwartz and Ms. McDonell reviewed bench placement with Ms. Pandl. Mr. Hinkel thought four benches could be installed for \$2000.

Freedom Memorial Garden Policy

Policy approved by Board of Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Basketball Court Nets & Inventory

Board discussed regular park upkeep and Public Works' responses to complaints. Mr. Deily informed the Board that there is a full court in Brookside Farms for residents of Brookfield who were concerned about lack of courts.

Budget Workshop

A focused budget workshop will be held August 14th, 9am, at the township office. Mr. Bruno reviewed a planning framework for budget discussions.

Congested Parking at LMMS

President Timmer brought this to Mr. Fosselman's attention and that of the school district.

Community Center Usage Policy

The suggested need for a policy was discussed at a July 15th presentation to the BOC Recreation Committee which Ms. McDonell attended. Ms. Foulke reviewed operations at the center including budget; Commissioners Eichenberg and Conrad asked Ms. Foulke to develop a policy to outline future operations.

Newsletter

The Board discussed fall newsletter content, which will include: LMYA.org, East Texas path and Community pathway progress, open space usage, and signage design contest.

Announcements

Brookfield Country Club will host a walking tour of trails in the floodplain on Saturday, July 31. Lehigh Valley Trails Summit will be held Thursday September 30 and Friday October 1.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:51 by Mr. Bruno, second by Ms. McDonell, with unanimous approval.