



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Budget Workshop Minutes, August 10th, 2011

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

BOARD ATTENDEES

Tom Deily, Julie McDonell, Marti Schwartz, Dennis Timmer, Corey Bruno

GUESTS

Chris Oberle

BOARD ITEMS

President Timmer brought up the dog park announcement in the newsletter. The November 30th regular meeting will be designated for a discussion of dog park with concerned citizens.

This board will invite commissioners Eichenberg and Reis to a future meeting with the intention of discussing pocket parks.

SCOUT PROJECT

Chris Oberle is planning to label stormwater drain inlets based on an EAC recommendation. Mr. Oberle explained that a 'No Dumping' sticker on drains will protect the Little Lehigh and Swabia Creek watersheds by raising public awareness. Chris Cope will determine how many drains exist, and Mr. Oberle will raise funds to purchase stickers beyond the 100 pieces that the EAC will provide. EAC also requested that Mr. Oberle provide some public notice of the project and its benefits.

Tom Deily made a motion to support the project as presented and in coordination with the EAC. Marti Schwartz second, unanimous approval.

BUDGET

Treasurer Julie McDonell presented the budget framework.

2012 Budget Request

The board reviewed open items from the July meeting, including Senior Citizens' group and portable bleachers for use by Lazars, LMYA, and other groups. Mr. Deily estimated a 40-person portable bleacher would cost roughly \$1500 apiece.

The board expressed concern that projects which were budgeted in 2011 may carry over into 2012 and require 2012 dollars to be allocated.

Camp Olympic amenities were discussed as being synchronized with the updates to the balance of the park. These will be added to the Five Year Strategy.

Parks which host athletic events were identified as candidates for illuminated flagpoles. Church Lane, Wild Cherry, Creamery, and Quarry Parks would be the first locations to receive a flagpole.

Rodale Park improvements – modular restrooms and a storage shed – were based on an LMYA request to bring the park up to appropriate levels for girls' softball. Treasurer McDonell will get updated quotes for the modular restrooms.

The board did not feel adequately prepared to discuss safety fencing along baseball fields, and Ms. McDonell will reach out to Advisory Board member Kevin Drake for more information.

A previously-suggested pathway and ramp to improve access to the Freedom Memorial Garden with the rest of the LMT Campus Path will be included in the budget. Mr. Deily will



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provide Ms. McDonell with a budgetary quote for this project. This will be added to Phase 3 of the campus path in 2013. Phase 2 of the campus path will remain a 2012 budget item.

The board received a citizen request for infant swings at Hills of LockRidge. However, the existing playground condition impacts the cost; Ms. Schwartz will visit the park to assess the situation and review with Denise Foulke in regard to her summer program at this park.

Several items were removed. A pool lift requested by Denise Foulke will be budgeted for elsewhere.

Citizen requests for macadam play surfaces at two parks, Brookfield and Winding Brook, were presented as upgrades for older youth. Ms. Schwartz reminded the board of prior experiences with basketball courts in residential areas, and the costs were viewed as prohibitive for 2012. Further research is required prior to including this in the 5 year plan. Similarly, a request for a Heritage Heights volleyball court was reviewed. However, recent experience with the Church Lane volleyball courts being removed was a warning sign.

Five Year Plan

Wild Cherry Park parking lot construction was added to 2013 in an effort to alleviate the congestion there.

Campus path planning for phases two and three will be adjusted into 2012 and 2013.

Prioritization

Based on the line items in the 2012 budget, the board weighed the merits of each based on community input, length of request outstanding, and cost of the item.

Ms. McDonell will update the priorities and re-release the proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bruno at 8:42, second by Mr. Deily with unanimous approval.