

# Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

**August 15, 2012**

In Attendance: Board members Stephanie McIlwee (Chair), Susan Naugle, Phil Cosden, Gareth Biser, Jill Herr, Carlos Wampler, Roger Heyser and Randy Smith.  
Absent: Steve Fehringer. There were no other attendees.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the July 18 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Gareth Biser and second by Phil Cosden.

Old Business:

Mural Project: Chair McIlwee attended a meeting on August 13 where the artist continued to get neighborhood input to complete the panels. The Olde Getty Place Breck Squad has continued to participate in developing the content of the murals. The project is on schedule and all have been pleased with the process thus far.

Farmer's Market Response: Still no contact from Kathy Glahn concerning the payment of a fee to use the facility. The Market continues to set up at the Rec Park on Wednesdays. Nor has anyone received an update on the USDA grant to construct a market pavilion. Stephanie will touch base with Ms. Glahn and ask for updates.

Strawberry Hill Nature Camp: No one was aware of any follow-up by Strawberry Hill about the plan to hold an environmental camp at the Park. The camp was proposed for this week or next. It may be that they did not receive enough registrations. Stephanie will email Chuck Reid to check on what happened.

Park Concessions: According to Phil Cosden, the Little League is taking over the former Teener League concession booth. He assumes they will also take care of the utility bills. Randy Smith noted that, for his soccer tournaments, he brings the concessions. We may need different fee levels that take into consideration concessions. The committee agreed that each tournament would be different and our concern is with those, like Future Stars, that do not provide concessions. It should be the park that gets the benefit of tournament concessions.

Phil Cosden reported that the Future Stars Tournament charged \$850 per team and sold t-shirts. We charged them \$150 per field per day thinking we would benefit from operating concessions. Carlos Wampler will check on what the school district charged the same tournament for use of their fields. Phil said, if teams know there will not be concessions, the families bring food and drink. Randy suggested that, in the future, the contract needs to specify if concessions are provided by the tournament. When concessions are provided, they will often not even allow coolers or drinks to be brought in. Susan will find out what the tournament paid the Borough in total. Phil advised that the Borough staff did nothing to prepare the fields, but staff was present during the weekend. Little League volunteers had to fill in the gap. The members agreed that these items all need to be specifically addressed in future

contracts for tournaments and they should be given a time frame for signing the contract.

Meeting with Cumberland Township: Susan Naugle reported on a meeting that she and Borough Manager Ford had with Cumberland Township Manager Ben Thomas and Supervisor Steve Toddes. Manager Ford had arranged the meeting to follow-up with them on their desire to discuss partnering to provide recreation. Susan reported that they may be interested in reviving the intergovernmental agreement process to establish an independent recreation commission. Susan will send members the Recreation Study completed in 2010. She explained that an agreement between just two municipalities will qualify us to apply for a grant from DCNR to help with the cost of a fulltime recreation director. Roger Heyser offered that he believes the park needs a fulltime person to coordinate activities. Steve Toddes who also chairs their Recreation Board suggested getting a small group together to discuss the feasibility and direction of moving forward. The members agreed with this approach. Stephanie suggested the composition of the group should be discussed with Manager Ford for action at the Board's September meeting. Susan will notify Steve Toddes and Ben Thomas.

#### New Business:

Air Conditioning Broken: Susan reported that the air conditioning units for the Assembly Room are not operating and may need to be replaced. There is no money in the 2012 budget for this purpose.

Ground Breaking Ceremony on Monday: The upgrades to the Biser Trail are to begin after Labor Day and the Borough has scheduled a ground breaking for 10:30 am on Monday. All members are invited to attend.

Middle School Work and need for parking: Carlos Wampler reported that the school board will take a final vote on Monday night on the Middle School project. The work will include upgrades to Warrior Stadium. They are still working out a parking plan for football games during construction. Susan will provide him with a count of spaces at the Rec Park. They are talking with the tour center about shuttles.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 4:00 pm.