

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
15 July 2013
6:00 PM**

In Attendance

Board Members:

Sherry Nichols-Chair
Sid Martin-Vice Chair
Steve Wolf
Andrew Mears
Les Jones
John Kerchner

Staff:

David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

1. Call To Order:

Nichols

Ms. Nichols called the meeting to order at 6 pm. She welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action on Minutes: (20 May 2013)

Mr. Martin moved to accept the 20 May 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Jones was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens: None Reported

4. Communication from Board Members:

Wolf

Mr. Wolf provided a report on the Advocate Summit he attended at the PRPS conference. He indicated that it was very informative and an eye opening experience. Based on what he heard from other municipal parks and recreation departments, he believes Springettsbury Township is very lucky to have such a structured park system that is supported by the decision makers and residents alike.

5. Director's Report:

Wendel

Mr. Wendel reported on the following agenda items:

- **Summer Playground:** After 5 weeks, we have over 1,000 children registered. We are on pace to exceed last year's total of 1040. Kingston Park (189) and Springettsbury Park (170) have the highest registration totals with several others over 100 as well. Nearly every site has already exceeded last year's registration totals which demonstrate the high interest in the program. Sports leagues and arts/crafts activities show very high levels of participation. Craft show is scheduled at the Galleria Mall on July 25 and the

Gallery Exhibit is scheduled at The Art Institute of York on Wednesday, July 30. This event will showcase the winners of the craft show held at the mall. The Board was encouraged to attend both events.

- **Sounds of Summer:** Concert season off to a great start. Diverse lineup of performers seems to appeal to a broad demographic. Attendance at the opening concert exceeded 2,000 with most of the other concerts at or near capacity. Our June 30 concert which included Vocal Trash and fireworks attracted an estimated crowd of 10,000. Provided Board members with a copy of the event program which includes the concert schedule and ads from our partners. We have 44 partners compared to 38 in 2012 for the event totaling \$41,075.00 which exceeds last year's mark by nearly \$1,000. Concession commissions and donations have been higher than last year as well.
- **Saturday in the Park:** Partnership development has been steady. We appear to be on track to exceed last year's total number of partners and dollars raised. Registration information regarding the basketball tournament and 5K race on website. Event program will be finalized and mailed in August. Board encouraged to volunteer at the event.

6. Old Business: **Stonewood Park Project:** The project was advertised for bids. Bid opening scheduled on July 18 at 1:30. Our hope is that the bids will be within budget. The bids will be presented for consideration at the July 25 Board of Supervisors meeting. If all goes well, the project could commence in early August.

Playground Planning Committee: We had a few people express interest in participating on the planning committee for the development of a new playground at Springettsbury Park. At this time, due to other priority projects, we need to consider revising our time table for assembling the committee and scheduling our first meeting. Will revisit at our September meeting.

Fund Raising Opportunities: Discussed what type of signature event could be held to raise additional funds to sustain our community events including Sounds of Summer and Saturday in the Park. Will continue to explore and examine a variety of opportunities that may benefit our sustainability efforts.

7. New Business: None Reported.

8. Announcements: Next meeting Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6 pm

9. Adjournment: Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.