

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
20 February 2012
6:00 PM**

In Attendance

Board Members:

Sherry Nichols – Chair
John Kerchner
David Seiler
Sid Martin
Steve Bartkowski

Public:

Carol Tanzola (Friends of Camp Security)
Steve Warfel

Staff:

David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

Absent:

Rob High
Steve Wolf

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: (16 January 2012)

Mr. Martin moved to accept the 16 January 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Seiler was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens:

Ms. Tanzola

Ms. Carol Tanzola, President of “Friends of Camp Security” provided the Board with more history on the former Walters property and Shultz house which sits on the site and is owned by Historic York. Ms. Tanzola shared pictures of artifacts found on the site. She reported they are attempting to purchase the adjacent property owned by Tim Pasch.

Mr. Warfel

Mr. Warfel indicated he would forward any sample policies he comes across pertaining to the control and management of archeological digs on the site. He believes the PA Historical Museum/Bureau of Historic Preservation may have a permit policy that he will attempt to access and forward as a sample policy for the Township to review and consider.

Wendel

Mr. Wendel thanked Ms Tanzola and Mr. Warfel for attending the meeting and providing additional historical background on the former Walter’s property and Shultz house.

4. Communication from Board Members: None Reported

5. Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Partnership Development:** The Board was updated on the partnership development efforts for Sounds of Summer. Last year, the Township received a grant in the amount of \$5000 from the Dawn Foods Foundation. Usually, such funding is one and done, however, after talking with a representative from the local Dawn Foods on Concord Road, the Township was encouraged to reapply. Mr. Wendel prepared the grant for submission. The Marketing Services Agreement was awarded to Cumulus Media. The Board of Supervisors needs to approve before moving forward. This will be reviewed and considered at their March 8 meeting. All other fundraising efforts seem to be going well. Many of our partners from 2011 plan on returning, although some have cited limited budgets or a desire to support other causes as the reason for not returning. We are seeking new partners to help in our cost recovery effort.
- **Spring Brochure:** The seasonal brochure was shared and reviewed with the board. Nearly half a page was dedicated to our tree and bench dedication program to help generate interest.
- **Facility Allocation Meeting:** The meeting was held on February 13 for the spring/summer sports season. 11 organizations participated in the allocation process which included sports for youth and adults in areas such as soccer, baseball, tennis, softball, flag football, basketball, rugby and lacrosse. These organizations represent approximately 3,000 participants that will use our facilities through the summer. Additionally, these organizations will be joined by hundreds of spectators that attend practices and games throughout the week. The parks that will be used to help meet the needs of these organizations include the following: Springgettsbury Park, Springetts Oaks Park, Penn Oaks Park, Camp Security Park and Fayfield Park. The concession stand will also be used during this time for baseball, softball and basketball games at Springgettsbury Park.

6. Old Business: **Board Rules & Responsibilities**

Wendel Mr. Wendel followed up with the board on the piece he provided from the Recreation and Parks Board Handbook at the January meeting. He hoped the board found the information enlightening and helpful as we move forward with our department's goals and initiatives.

7. New Business: **Orchard Hills Park (East)**

Wendel Mr. Wendel informed the board that the Orchards Hills subdivision, specifically the streets and park, east of Witmer Road has been accepted by the Township. Within the development is a mini park approximately 1 acre in size with a play structure, drinking fountain and bench. The Township is now responsible for the maintenance of this area. At some point in the near future, another mini park of the same dimensions west of Witmer Road will be accepted by the Township. This is all part the same subdivision plan that was presented to the Parks and Recreation Board for review and consideration in 2003.

Although accepting a land dedication of this size is not typical, usually nothing less than 3 acres is considered based on SALDO, the idea behind it was to have two smaller parks to accommodate the needs of the neighborhood on the east and west sides of Wimer Road rather than one larger park which would require residents to cross busy Witmer Road. For safety and accessibility reasons, the parcel was divided into two smaller parks.

8. Announcements: Next meeting Monday, March 19, 2012 at 6 pm

9. Adjournment: Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.