

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
16 May 2011
6:00 PM**

In Attendance

Board Members:

Sherry Nichols – Chair
Steve Wolf – Vice Chair
David Seiler
Steve Bartkowski

Staff:

John Holman, Township Manager
David Wendel, Director 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: (21 March 2011)

Mr. Seiler moved to accept the 21 March 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Wolf was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens: None reported.

4. Communication from Board Members: None reported.

5. Director's Report:

Wendel

Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Partnership Development:** Provided a handout showing the number of partnerships established and the value of each for Sounds of Summer. Overall, thirty-six (36) partnerships were established which included (2) grants from Jump Street/Council of the Arts and the Dawn Food Foundation totaling nearly \$7,000. We also partnered with some of our neighboring businesses that have been instrumental in our event growth including The Art Institute of York and the York Technical Institute. The total value of our partnership effort for Sounds of Summer was \$38,558.00. Our cost recovery efforts will be enhanced by concessionaire commissions and donations collected at each concert.
- **Park Improvements:** The Getaway Playground was power washed and sealed. Additional wood fiber was added to the surface to improve safety. Only minor repairs were needed. The playground was reopened on time.
- **Saturday in the Park:** The event is scheduled on Saturday, September 24. The Board was strongly encouraged to volunteer since it is an event that showcases Springettsbury Park. It also celebrates life in Springettsbury

Township and the pride we have in our community. Volunteer forms will be distributed at our June meeting.

- **Summer Playground:** The hiring process has been completed with training scheduled the week of June 6. Summer Playground will officially start on Monday, June 13 with the opening of 9 park sites. Last year we achieved a milestone by serving over 1000 kids for the first time in the programs long history. That represents over one-third of the children age 6 to 14 in the Township. We will continue to work toward attracting more youth through high interest activities.
- **Sounds of Summer:** The concert series starts on Sunday, June 12 with Blackthorn, the premier Irish rock band from Philadelphia. The event will conclude on Sunday, August 7 with Beatlemania Now. In between, we will have fireworks on July 3, the Battle of the Bands through a partnership with YTI on Saturday, June 18 and Rock the Canvas through a partnership with The Art Institute of York on Saturday, August 6.

6. Old Business:

Wendel

Hockey Rink: After receiving complaints from roller hockey players about bike polo being played in the hockey rink, the Director checked on the nights and times in question. At this point, he has not found evidence of this activity except some signage they placed inviting the public to come out to play. The signage was removed. This type of use must cease so the rink can be used for its intended purpose – hockey. The other matter is damage. This type of use can leave black tire marks on the surface and gouges in the surface from the bike pedals. With an investment of nearly \$10,000 being made this month to resurface the rink, we will keep a close eye on this type of activity.

Wendel

York County Convention & Visitors Bureau: After considering the minimal fee to join \$140, it may be beneficial, in an effort to promote our community events, to become a member of the YCCVB. The membership includes a listing in their annual publication/guide and Web site. The Board agreed and will look into the membership process.

Holman

Walter's Property: Closing on the Walter's property will occur in early June and include a ceremony that the Board is encouraged to attend. The purchase of this land will help in preserving open space for the Township for future generations to enjoy. The Township with support from DCNR, the Conservation Fund and private donors were able to purchase the property which is approximately 115 acres. The property will continue to be farmed for the foreseeable future.

Wendel

The acquisition of this property will help satisfy the deficit we currently have for land for parks and recreation purposes. Based on NRPA guidelines (10 acres per 1000 residents), the Township should have approximately 240 acres of land for recreation purposes based on a population of 24,000. Satisfying this deficit and securing and protecting open space in the Township was a high priority in our Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan.

7. New Business:

Holman **Wireless Service:** The Township will install wireless coverage in Springettsbury Park. It will be accessible in the coming weeks.

Wendel **Board Candidate:** Mr. Robert High, Assistant Principal at Central York High School, has expressed interest in the open Board position. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the position with him. A recommendation will be forward to the Township Manager following the meeting.

Nichols **Park Projects:** Ms. Nichols presented information on the company that designs natural playgrounds. Additionally, she felt it would be prudent for the Board to review and prioritize future park projects with the budgetary process for 2012 in the preliminary stages.

Wendel Mr. Wendel indicated he will forward any preliminary design plans and budgets he has on file to help in this process.

8. Announcements: Next meeting Monday, June 20, 2011 at 6 pm

9. Adjournment: Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.