

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
15 October 2012
6:00 PM**

In Attendance

Board Members:

Sherry Nichols-Chair
Steve Wolf-Vice Chair
Sid Martin
Leslie Jones

Staff:

David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

Absent:

Steve Bartkowski
John Kerchner

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: (17 September 2012)

Mr. Jones moved to accept the 17 September 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Wolf was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens: None Reported

4. Communication from Board Members:

Martin

Mr. Martin inquired about issues with the 5K Race/Fun Run.

Wendel

Mr. Wendel reported that the company used to time the race experienced technical difficulties that impacted the accuracy and availability of some of the race times. As a result, some runners were not properly recognized at the event. The results were placed on our website shortly after the race; however, the damage was already done. Mr. Wendel personally contacted all runners that did not receive trophies and made the trophies available at the Township office for pick up. Overall, everyone contacted seemed very understanding of the situation and went as far as to praise the Township for conducting a good event and trying to correct the problem. The company that timed the event was very apologetic and waived their fee and indicated they would time our 2013 race at no charge. It appears it was an isolated incident but we will discuss with the planning committee whether we will use their timing services next year.

5. Director's Report:

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Saturday in the Park:** Our 10th annual event was very successful. The 3 on 3 basketball tournament attracted 53 teams while the 5K Race/Fun Run attracted over 140 runners. The third year of "A Taste of Springettsbury" proved to be our best. Our partnership with the Springettsbury Sertoma Club and allowing children to attend with no fee for those under 12 helped significantly increase ticket sales. Overall, attendance was high in every area of the event from the carnival games to the concert and fireworks. Our 46 partners along with ticket sales, concession commissions and registration fees helped us recover all costs associated with the event. The 2013 Saturday in the Park will be held on Saturday, September 28.
- **Holiday Tree Lighting:** The event is scheduled on Friday, November 16 at 6 pm. 4 groups will participate from Central York and York Suburban School Districts. The Marine Corps Reserve will be on site to collect new toys and monetary donations. The Board was encouraged to attend.
- **2013 Budget:** The Parks and Recreation Department's preliminary budget has been submitted and reviewed with the Township Manager. The next level of review will occur in the coming weeks with the Board of Supervisors. Our proposed operating budget is slightly less than our current 2012 budget. We are pursuing funding for an ADA accessible route/trail at Stonewood Park and for new play equipment at Springettsbury Park.
- **Winter Newsletter:** The winter session programs are in the process of being finalized. The winter brochure will be mailed in mid-November.
- **PA Council on the Arts Grant:** We received a \$2,000 grant that will be used for the 2013 Sounds of Summer. We anticipate higher funding levels as we transition from Project Stream to the Program Stream grant process.

6. Old Business:

Wolf Mr. Wolf asked where we stood with the new playground and community build idea.

Wendel Mr. Wendel reported that as the budgetary process proceeds he will have a better idea as to where the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors stand with funding this project.

7. New Business:

Jones Mr. Jones discussed the possibility of having the land preservation site formerly known as the Walter's property scanned to detect what is below the surface. An organization based in Kentucky has offered to conduct this project and service pro bono. They would like to proceed with the work in late November or early December. No digging will be done. The instrument used is similar to a metal detector.

Wendel

Mr. Wendel thought having such work done would be very beneficial not only to verify the historical nature of the site but to help in determining where future development in the form of trails or a parking lot for example can occur without disturbing or impacting buried artifacts. Mr. Wendel indicated he will forward this information/request to the Township Manager for review and consideration.

8. Announcements:

Next meeting Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6 pm

9. Adjournment:

Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.