



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
AGENDA 9-19-16 7:00PM

Present: Andrew Vaskas, Ken Lehr, Denise VanValkenburg, Bob Kacergis, George McHugh
Staff: Mary Hundt, Director of Parks & Recreation

Administration

Approval of July 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes as amended: Mr. Lehr motion, Mrs. VanValkenburg second; all in favor.

Board Vacancy Discussion

Budget: Ms. Hundt will be working on the 2017 budget and will review her budget request with the Board at their October meeting.

Old Business

Child Abuse and Criminal History Background Check Requirement: All are completed except Mr. McHugh & Mr. Kacergis.

Trails

Serpentine & Willisbrook Preserves to East Goshen Trail: Pedestrian Crossing on Line Road: Ms. Hundt reported that her Parks & Recreation colleague at East Goshen inquired and was told that Line Road belonged to Willistown Township, hence the cross walk would be Willistown's responsibility. Ms. Hundt will follow up.

Okehocking Trail Corps & Trail Workshop: Ms. Hundt reported on the workshop participants, trail priorities, interactive trail assessment map, and the Eagle Scout trail project for this fall.

Additional Okehocking Trails: Ms. Hundt reported that she was coordinating with Willistown Conservation Trust for permission to clear the trail corridor and create the trail on a portion of their 4.4 acre parcel in the middle of Okehocking where the springhouse is located.

Malvern-Willistown Greenway Trail Phelps Section: Ms. Hundt reported that no action had been taken by Phelps regarding the outreach from Willistown Township with the trail easement appraisals. She reported that the school was working with the Township on gymnasium development plans and sewer issues, and that a better time to discuss a trail would be when these items were concluded.

New Business

Parks Code Changes for Approval and Recommendation to Board of Supervisors for Adoption
Ms. Hundt proposed straight forward trail language additions to the existing code so that the Duffryn Trail and the unnamed trail at Daylesford Abbey would be covered by the code. The board reviewed the changes and Mr. Vaskas motioned to recommend the changes to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kacergis seconded, and all were in favor.

Daylesford Abbey/Chapel Hill Trail Completion Date January 2017

Naming the Trail: The Board discussed the naming of the trail and recommended a survey be conducted through all communications channels with the residents to name the trail.

Pinebrook Trail is to be included as an option, per the suggestion of the Board of Supervisors. This was the name of the farm prior to its purchase by the Daylesford Abbey in 1964. The Trail Opening Ceremony will be scheduled Spring 2017

Grubb Road Pedestrian Crossing at 3rd Avenue

Ms. Hundt will follow up on the status of the traffic study.

Trail Workshop Trails and Greenway Summit

Ms. Hundt discussed a trail advocate program that she heard about at the workshop. The Board questioned the role of a trail advocate as being a ranger having to enforce the rules, and the hazards and complications of such a program.

Dog Feces Complaints Greentree & Mill Parks

Ms. Hundt reported that there were a number of complaints of dog feces. She encouraged the Board to let locals know that dogs are not permitted at Greentree and Mill Parks. She requested that the Public Works Department pick up the ball fields on Fridays prior to Willistown's Saturday Fall Ball camps. She will look into ordering signage such as: No Dogs: Kids Play Here!

Greentree Park Addition

Ms. Hundt discussed the Board's recommendation with Mr. Burman, Township Manager, and she will be presenting the project for consideration to the Open Space Review Board at their September 26 meeting.

Programs

GO WilMa! 2016: Record Registration: 670 kids and families registered in 2016, up 47 children from 2015.

Fall Sports Camps through October 22

Park Management

Okehocking Farmhouse will be leased to the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association. Ms. Hundt commented on what a great fit CRC would be at Okehocking, and that all parties were very pleased with the arrangement.

Communications

Towne Crier Newsletter: 2016 November Edition will be landing around November 10

Public Comment

Adjournment Mr. Vaskas motioned, Mr. Kacergis seconded; all in favor.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Coxe Memorial Campus, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19355 All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary N. Hundt, Recording Secretary