

## **Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

**August 17, 2015**

The August 17, 2015 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those present were:

Christopher Carroll	Chairperson
John Murray	Vice-Chairperson
Bernadette Flanigan	Member
Donald Petrille	Member
Rob Nagele	Member
Suzy Furlong	Member
M. Clare Edelmayer	Township Commissioner, Liaison
Alex Kaker	Park & Recreation Director

### **1. Approval of the May 11, 2015 Minutes**

Mr. Carroll asked for any questions or comments relative to the Minutes of May 11, 2015 which were distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. Upon hearing none, Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Nagele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments

### **3. Old Business**

#### **A. Carnival**

Mr. Kaker presented the volunteer list to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and stated that there were additional spots to be filled for selling tickets. Ms. Flanigan advised she would be away but would be able to assist on Sunday. Mr. Kaker explained seven spots needed to be filled. Mr. Petrille asked how many volunteers were from the past and Mr. Kaker advised all of them were. Mrs. Edelmayer noted that her daughter had assisted in the past so she would check if she was available. Mrs. Edelmayer reminded Mr. Kaker that if he needed someone to fill in she was on the grounds and she could assist him. Mr. Kaker noted that additional letters went out requesting volunteer assistance so he would wait and see what the response would be.

Mr. Kaker advised he received the information for the food vendors and would be forwarding it to the Montgomery County Health Department. In response to Mrs. Edelmayer's question as to whether all the food booths were filled, Mr. Kaker reported they were not. He stated there were other activities taking place in the surrounding area and some vendors were taking part in those.

#### **B. Golf Outing**

Mr., Kaker reminded that the golf outing was rescheduled to Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> due to it being canceled previously due to rain.

#### **C. Community Center**

Mr. Kaker reported a proposal for a "Needs Assessment" was received from T & M Associates and it was sent

to Mr. Zumpino for evaluation. He was waiting for Mr. Zumpino to give his thoughts on the report.

**D. Summer Programs**

Mr., Kaker reported forty-six kids per week were signed up for the Summer Recreation Camp. He noted there were some new camps and some of the regular camps, including the Basketball League which had just concluded. Mr. Kaker felt it had been a good summer for the programs. He noted the revenue had increased compared to last year. Mr. Kaker advised the Spring/Summer soccer program revenue was high and the split between the people who run the programs and the Township was higher. He stated previously the Township only received ten percent but was now receiving twenty percent.

Mr. Petrille expressed concern that there had been a conversation with a referee from the basketball league who had stated he wanted to be paid the way the referee's used to be paid. There was conversation regarding how they used to be paid versus how they are paid now. Mr. Kaker explained Mr. Blackwell, basketball commissioner, was being paid \$3000.00 per week cash and allowed him to distribute payment to the other officials. Mr. Kaker stated there was no trace for the Township as to where the money was being distributed other than Mr. Blackwell who was receiving up to \$17,000 in checks. Mr. Kaker advised Montgomery Township pays their officials \$25 per game and Upper Gwynedd Township pays \$40 per game. He noted that he had heard the officials were please they were receiving checks.

Mr. Carroll questioned why the pool passes changed when the children signed up for Summer Recreation. Mr. Kaker stated the problem was by handing out pool passes each time a child signed up for class was at the end of the summer a family showed up with eight free pool passes. He advised the pool wanted the passes used within the weeks of that program with the hope the family would sign up for the pool and since that did not seem to work it was changed to give one per child for the Summer Recreation as a whole.

Mrs. Edelmayer reported the Lions Club will no longer be a part of the Nor Gwyn Pool Commission. She advised that it would consist only of North Wales Borough and Upper Gwynedd Township residents. Mrs. Edelmayer explained the Lions Club volunteers were involved so there would be some logistics to be worked out in regards to how it would work between the two municipalities.

**4. New Business**

**A. Fall Programs**

Mr. Kaker stated the newsletter had been sent out listing the fall programs. He advised they were also on the web site.

**B. Fall Fest October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Kaker advised it was scheduled from 11 am to 3 pm with the same activities scheduled. He reported there was an opening in the later part of the event that needed a volunteer to sell tickets.

**C. Déjà vu Marathon**

Mr. Kaker stated this was the third year of the marathon. He advised he was still in need of volunteers with timing. Mr. Kaker noted he would send out an email with details.

**D. Bradford Park**

Mrs. Edelmayer reported she had been approached two years ago by a gentleman near Bradford Park requesting a small pocket park. She stated she a process must be gone through and Mr. Perrone suggested taking it to the Planning Commission so that residents are notified within a five hundred foot buffer.

Mr. Kaker received two prices on all in one playground with no swings in order to prevent a liability issue. Ms. Furlong questioned if there was a homeowners association in the nearby development and Mrs. Edelmayer stated there was not.

Mrs. Edelmayer explained this would be taken to the Planning Commission to recommend approval for the Board of Commissioners to install a small piece of playground equipment. Mr. Carroll questioned who would maintain it and Ms. Furlong explained the one in her neighborhood was maintained by the residents. She stated they put down mulch and recently signs were installed to keep dogs off the mulch. Ms. Furlong explained it was very easy to take care of and they had approached Chief Duffy to install "No Parking" signs in front of the park. Mr. Kaker advised this park was one that was not meant to be driven to as it was intended for the neighborhood with a small pocket playground. He explained the park was twenty feet by twenty-five feet and ten feet high with a cost of \$5000 .00. Mrs. Edelmayer suggested looking around and Mr. Kaker agreed.

Mr. Carroll asked for a motion to take this proposal for a pocket park at Bradford Park to the Planning Commission. Mr. Murray made a motion; it was seconded by Mr. Petrille and passed unanimously.

**5. Other Business**

**A. Playground Celebration**

Mr. Kaker was pleased with the turn out. He stated approximately 400 people turned out for the day. He reported the pickets were installed.

**B. Summer Breeze Concerts**

Mr. Kaker stated these went well. He stated his assistant, Emily Croke was already working on next year's concerts.

**C. September Meeting**

Mr. Kaker noted the golf outing had been scheduled for the same date of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and wanted to know what the board would like to do. A motion was made to have the meeting on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**6. Call for Adjournment**

Mr. Carroll asked for any further questions or comments. There being no further business a motion was made, seconded passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Dvorchak  
Secretary