

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Westtown Township Building
1039 Wilmington Pike
08 March 2011

In attendance were Parks and Recreation Chair Kristine Lisi, Vice Chair Jennifer Shea-Schwacke, member Leonard Tehrani; and Township Manager Bob Layman.

I. Call to Order

Chair Kristine Lisi called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission ("Commission") to order at 7:45 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes (February 8, 2011)

On the motion of Ms. Lisi, second by Mr. Tehrani, the Commission approved the minutes of February 8, 2011.

III. Old Business

A. Programs 2011

1. Yard Sale – April 30

Ms. Shea-Schwacke stated that emails have come into the Park & Rec email that Ms. Preston in the Township office has forwarded to the members. She has responded to them. One person asked about selling new products and food items. It was decided that if they want to sell family friendly products such as Avon they can sell new products, but no food could be sold because the Commission will have their own concession stand.

Ms. Lisi stated that Mrs. Foster had mentioned to her that Pennsbury Township has been doing yard sales for years and suggested contacting them to get ideas. Mr. Layman stated he had a name and email address of someone there he would get to Ms. Shea-Schwacke.

Mrs. Adler had also suggested that the Commission find a way to mark off the spots so there isn't confusion. Ms. Lisi asked if she would get water soluble spray paint could they spray paint the spots on the grass and it would disappear with the next mowing or during the first rain after the yard sale. Mr. Layman responded he thought it would be alright. Ms. Lisi asked if Mr. Layman would check with Mrs. Greer to see if there were any events scheduled within a week or two after the yard sale. Mr. Layman will also check with Road Master Mark Gross to find out when they might be mowing the lawn at the mansion.

Ms. Lisi mentioned that the application for the yard sale was on the website. The Commission discussed other ways to get the information out. Ms. Shea-Schwacke stated that she could also put it on Facebook. Ms. Lisi mentioned that her husband does the Oakbourne Mansion website and maybe she could have him put something on there. She will contact Mrs. Foster of the Oakbourne Mansion Commission regarding that. Ms. Shea-Schwacke will also get the information to the Mom's Club. Craig's List and yardsales.com are other places that the Commission will advertise.

Ms. Lisi suggested that when Ms. Shea-Schwacke contacts Pennsbury Township to ask if they have problems with people bringing trailers full of stuff and wanting to back it up to their spot to unload.

Ms. Shea-Schwacke stated that she had been in touch with Purple Heart and Arc. They will be happy to come and take stuff at the end but they might leave stuff behind. They come with one truck and one guy who couldn't load and unload large items himself. They also have a list of things that they cannot take (car seats, cribs, etc.). Purple Heart said there is a chance that they could have two trucks available to come but they would need 14 to 15 days notice. After discussion it was decided that was another thing about which Ms. Shea-Schwacke would ask Pennsbury Township.

After discussion about what the sign should say, it was decided that Ms. Shea-Schwacke will get the information to Mr. Tehrani who will take care of getting the sign made. Ms. Lisi suggested doing a flyer to be put in stores and businesses. Mr. Tehrani stated that could also be used to send as a press release; if you send it 3 weeks in advance to KYW new radio they may announce it.

2. Movies – June 17, August 19, September 9

Ms. Lisi stated that she has passed on the movie night dates to Open Air Cinema. They are giving the Commission the same price they did last year. She has also sent the ad for the newsletter to Mrs. Adler for people to vote. Ms. Shea-Schwacke asked if the movie "Megamind" was included. Ms. Lisi responded she didn't think it was.

Mr. Tehrani mentioned that there was a place in West Chester that he found online that rents pop corn machines. He will look into it.

Ms. Lisi mentioned that she wanted to go back to see Florence Higgins, the branch manager at 1N Bank (formerly First National Bank) to ask if they would be interested in sponsoring a movie again this year.

3. Christmas in July – July 23

There was not anything new to report on this.

4. Dog Show – October 8

Ms. Shea-Schwacke stated she had been in touch with Chris Allen from the Philadelphia Dog Training Club. Chris had emailed the Commission to say that they were interested in doing a little dog obedience training course during the dog show. Ms. Shea-Schwacke said that she feels strange since the Chester County Dog Training Club has had a table at the dog show for two years and have not been asked to do anything. The Commission members agreed it would be a good idea to have this during the dog show.

5. Winter Event – December 4

There was not anything new to report on this.

B. Follow up from last meeting

Ms. Lisi reviewed the action items from the February 8th meeting.

Ms. Lisi has not had a chance to get Laurie Scaggs information to the Board of Supervisors.

V. New Business

Ms. Lisi mentioned an email that came to the Park and Rec email address from Desiree Cresta asking about the yard sale but also mentioning that she was interested in helping with the Commission. After discussion it was decided that Ms. Shea-Schwacke will get in touch with her and see if she would like to attend the April meeting.

The action items for this month are the following:

1. Ms. Shea-Schwacke will contact Kathy at Pennsbury Township to find out how they run their yard sales
2. Mr. Layman will find out from Mrs. Greer if there are any events happening at the mansion right after the yard sale and to also check with Mr. Gross when they will be mowing the lawn at the mansion and if the water soluble spray paint was alright to use.
3. Ms. Shea-Schwacke will put the yard sale application on Facebook.
4. Ms. Lisi will contact Mrs. Foster about putting the Commission events on the Oakbourne Mansion web site.
5. Ms. Shea-Schwacke will get the information for the Yard Sale sign to Mr. Tehrani who will take care of having the sign made.
6. Mr. Tehrani will check into pop corn machine rental.
7. Ms. Lisi will get Laurie Scaggs information to the Board of Supervisors.
8. Ms. Shea-Schwacke will contact Desiree Cresta to see if she would like to attend the April meeting.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Adjournment

With no other business to discuss and on the motion of Ms. Lisi, second by Ms. Shea-Schwacke the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.