

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Oakbourne Mansion, 1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown Township, PA
June 9, 2015

In attendance: Commission Members Deb Litman-Goch (Chair), Maria Klang (V. Chair), Mark Schatzel, Stuart Rich, Seamus Lavin, Jennifer Masiko, Walter Pavelchek and Township Manager Rob Pingar.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes of May 12, 2015 meeting were approved with changes. Jennifer volunteered to prepare the minutes of this meeting.

III. New Business

A. High Top Table Purchase

High top table purchase was discussed as a need for events at the mansion. Tables would be revenue producing rental equipment. Approval for table (multiple) purchase was approved via email after the meeting.

B. Handicap Fitness Park

Seamus brought to our attention the handicap Fitness Park he saw at the Cape May Zoo and noted that could be something that Westtown Township could offer.

- Handicapped accessible
- ADA accessibility for certain parks
- Ridley Creek has handicapped deck for fishing

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. P&R Commissioners' Field Trip Recap

- Larchbourne had potential for ADA compliant park and dog park in wooded area
- Penn Wood fields have potential leasing opportunity for sports associations
- Oakbourne has trees nearing the end of their life and will need to be replaced. Potentially go to arboretums and requesting saplings; township residents sponsoring trees; Friends of Oakbourne. Potential for Grant writing for this type of project (Carol De Wolf as a resource, as well as Kristine Lisi for the grant writing). Information could be taken from the PA DCR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)
- Enlist the assistance of an individual like Carter Van Dyke to assist in an overall P&R strategic plan to move P&R initiatives forward. Prioritize projects, create budgets, and present to BOS. Includes open space plan, improvements or expansion on current improvements, creating new parks and gardens, etc.
- Township leaf composting effort? Participating residents would receive compost when ready. Promote recycling and natural fertilizers.

B. Community Wildlife Habitat Certification Update

305 Beechwood Road is certified (has plaque). Try to create a park system certification and

even go beyond to residents and make Westtown Township widely certified. Need to develop battle plan.

C. 2015 Calendar of Events

1. Movie nights – advertise on electronic billboard and through school district
 - June 26 – Big Hero 6, sponsored by D'Ascenzo's Gelatto
 - July 24 – Sound of Music preceded by the West Chester Band at 7pm
 - August 14 – Muppets Most Wanted
2. Halloween Fundraiser – postponed until 2016
3. Holiday Festival – December 16 from 12-3pm

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT & NON AGENDA ITEMS

Maria said she was not yet reimbursed for the yard sale. Rob will check on status of her reimbursement.

The park sign inherited from East Goshen was deemed unusable. A wish list item is a message board. All park signs should be uniform to conform.

An off-site P&R meeting was scheduled for 7pm on Thursday, July 25 at Walt's house to discuss various projects in greater detail.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.