MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting February 4, 2010

Attending: Hether Quillman, Robert Ramsey, David Anspach,
Diane Hollenbach- Township Manager, Kim Rossetti- Recording Secretary

Guests: Tim Mills, Daniel Miller - Fire Chief, Blandon Fire Company

Hether Quillman called the Regular meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Robert Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2010 Reorganization and Regular meeting, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Manager/Treasurer's report. Diane Hollenbach advised the Board that the invoice for the Cornerstone Tot Lot equipment was paid from both the Fee in Lieu of Open Space and General Money Market accounts. A toilet needed to be replaced at the Blandon Fire Company bathroom. Mrs. Hollenbach advised the Board that quotes for portable toilets for the Community Park had been received and Bailey's Portable Toilet's is the cheapest vendor for the 2010 season. The Board agreed to use Bailey's for the Community Park location for 2010. Mrs. Hollenbach also presented the board with a quote for repairs/maintenance for four (4) tractors. One multi-use tractor's repair cost is assessed at 50%. Park and Recreation's repair/maintenance cost for the four tractors is $1,162.77.

Motion:
Robert Ramsey made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve payment for maintenance on four tractors from the Park and Recreation budget with a cost not to exceed $1,162.77, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hollenbach advised the Board that the Community Park Utility Installation bid will be opened at the February Board of Supervisors meeting. The Engineer has contacted those companies that are known to perform the work required. Once the bids are opened, the Engineer will review the lowest bid to confirm that what is proposed meets the bid specifications.

Motion:
Robert Ramsey made a motion to approve the Manager/Treasurer's report, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The engineer was not present. Engineering items were discussed in the Manager's report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Park and Recreation Board Vacancy

An additional P&R Questionnaire was recently received in response to the current Board vacancy. The Board would like to thank all three men for their interest in joining the Board. The Board agreed not to amend the January motion concerning the vacancy recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Girl Scout Community Service Project

A local Girl Scout Troop is looking for ideas for a Community Service project. Mrs. Hollenbach provided the Board with copies of 'Stream Clean-Up Event' documents, which were designed for public involvement and participation. The Board felt that this would be an age-appropriate community service project for this troop. Additional community service could include helping out with the Community Day events on June 5th.

Berks County Conservancy

Mrs. Hollenbach presented the Board with a letter from the Conservancy regarding the DCNR TreeVitalize grant. To qualify, the township must send four representatives to a Tree Tender workshop/training seminar. The seminar is scheduled for March 17th. The Board members will check their availability and advise Mrs. Hollenbach.

Blueberry Festival

The Blueberry Festival is scheduled for July 17th. The organizers of this event are looking for volunteers and Township assistance. Most members of the Park and Recreation Board are not available for that weekend. The Board has agreed to provide portable restrooms in Community Park for the event; but the Park and Recreation Board is unable to commit any additional assistance, at this time.

Tennis Court Project

The Board reviewed the dimensions of a standard tennis court to see if there is another location suited for tennis courts. The dimension for one court is 60' x 120' that includes room for doubles play, sidelines and boundary lines. The Board was provided copies of all park and open space locations with amenities and diagrams. After consideration, the Board would like the Engineer to determine if installing Tennis Courts at the Ontelaunee Heights area is a viable option.

EVENTS:

Fireworks Contract

The Board reviewed the contract between Maidencreek Township and Fireworks Productions, Inc. The contracted cost for the display is $3,000. The Board intends to have the fireworks as the finale to the Car Show/ Community Day event on June 5, 2010.

Motion:

Robert Ramsey made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the fireworks display in Community Park on June 5, 2010 and authorize the Township Manager to sign the contract with Fireworks Productions, Inc. for $3,000, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Day/Car Show
There was a lengthy discussion concerning this event. The 2010 Community Day/ Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th. The Board agreed the event would continue rain or shine; there will not be a scheduled rain date. The Car Show will have food and registration beginning at 11:00am, voting from 1:00pm-2:30pm, award presentation at 3:00pm, ending approximately by 3:30pm. Community Days food and activities will begin at 4:00pm and run up to the fireworks display.

Chief Miller stated that he already has received commitments to participate from the following groups: Fire Companies from Blandon, Fleetwood, Leesport, Ruscombmanor and Walnuttown, both Blandon and Fleetwood Ambulance Squads and he will contact Schuylkill Valley EMS. Chief Miller stated he would also contact Berks County Sheriff Weaknecht regarding the Sheriff's "ID Me" program. Chief Miller stated he would also contact his hayride and DJ contacts to see if they are available for this event. He also confirmed that the Blandon Fire Company would be running their obstacle course.

Robert Ramsey stated he would check with Life Flight to see if they will be able to attend this year. The helicopter landing was very popular last year.

Mr. Mills reported that he and Jill Rothermel will continue to contact local businesses and community groups as they look for more vendors, volunteers and donations. They have requested a formal letter from the Township Manager to assist them with their solicitations.

Mr. Mills also advised the Board that two events they would like to run would be a Tricycle Race and a Pedal Tractor/sled-pulling competition. The Board agreed that both of these events would provide entertainment for both participants and spectators. The tricycle races and pedal tractor pull can be for both adults and children- the courses will be modified accordingly. At least six tricycles, 2 pedal tractors and 2 sleds will be needed for these events. Chief Miller stated that while BFC will have a team participating, they would not be eligible to win.

The Board also will need to decide if rides will be included this year. The Board agreed not to include pony rides this year. Other rides will be discussed at the March meeting. Girl Scout troops can be used to run craft tables. One local family would like to run an Alex's Lemonade Stand. The Board would like to have a band play at Community Day in the evening.

Mrs. Hollenbach reminded the Board that Aquabilities had notified the township of their intent to hold a carnival-type event at their location on June 5th. The Board was also informed that CeeGee's would like to hold a cruise night the same day. Mrs. Hollenbach will advise both companies of the events scheduled for this date and will invite Aquabilities to hold their carnival at the Community Park during Community Days celebration.

The Board will continue this discussion at the March meeting.

Garden Club
The Board would like to start a garden club. Mrs. Hollenbach provided the Board with potential club ideas: meeting topics, garden crafts, events and projects. The Garden club will be mentioned in flyers and upcoming newsletters. The Board has tabled further discussion until the March meeting.

Maidencreek Ball Club (T-ball/Coach-Pitch)
Kim Rossetti advised the Board that she and Bob Ramsey met with Jeff Miller, the current President of FABA. The meeting was held to dispel rumors between the two organizations and to work together for the benefit of all of the children in our community. Mrs. Rossetti and Mr. Ramsey both felt the meeting was informative and productive.

Mrs. Rossetti advised the Board that registration forms will be distributed through the local schools, pre-schools and day-care facilities after February 18th. A printable registration form is available on the township web-site. She also confirmed that Giorgio Foods will again sponsor the uniforms for all teams.

Maidencreek Events E-mail
Kim Rossetti advised the Board that the new e-mail address is up and running. Residents can sign up to be added to the Event distribution list at MaidencreekEvents@hotmail.com. Notices will be sent to the members of this list for all Township events, as they are scheduled. Those events will include both Township sponsored events (e.g. Community Days/Car Show) and community organization events (Blandon Fire Company, Lions Club, Church Groups, etc.). The Township newsletter will have instructions for residents who want to be added to this new distribution list.

> To be included on the Maidencreek Events distribution list, send an e-mail to MaidencreekEvents@hotmail.com and type, "add me" in the subject line.

ADJOURNMENT
Having no further business, Robert Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Anspach. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.
The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, 2010, 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Rossetti
Recording Secretary

Diane E. Hollenbach
Township Manager/Secretary

cc: Park & Recreation Board
Board of Supervisors
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Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager
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