MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Reorganization Meeting January 6, 2011

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

Guests: Tim Mills, Keith McCarthy, Suzanne Miller

Hether Quillman was reappointed to the Park and Recreation Board on January 3, 2011. She was sworn in, tonight, January 6, 2011.

Hether Quillman called the Reorganization meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Robert Ramsey made a motion to appoint Hether Quillman as Chairperson of the 2011 Park and Recreation Board, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim Rossetti made a motion to appoint David Anspach as Vice Chairperson of the 2011 Park and Recreation Board, seconded by Robert Ramsey. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

David Anspach made a motion to advertise the 2011 meeting dates of January 6, February 3, March 3, May 5, June 2- Location-Community Park, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1, seconded by Robert Ramsey. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Ramsey made a motion to appoint Brian Felker and Robert Ramsey to the 2011 T-Ball committee, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Ramsey made a motion to appoint Kim Rossetti and David Anspach to the 2011 Community Day committee, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Hether Quillman, as chairperson, will oversee both committees.

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 Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Rossetti
Recording Secretary

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Regular Meeting January 6, 2011

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

Guests: Tim Mills, Keith McCarthy- FABA, Suzanne Miller-FABA

Hether Quillman called the Regular meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

David Anspach made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2010 Regular meeting, seconded by Robert Ramsey. 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 ending balance for 2010 was a little over $200,000 with a majority of that money set aside for the Community Park Restroom Project. She stated that the Township Engineer is now wavering on what he feels is the best solution for the bathrooms and is leaning toward constructing the building rather than purchasing a pre-engineered building and reiterated his concerns that a grinder pump will be needed. She also mentioned that the Board of Supervisors has suggested using composting toilets in the restroom.

The Board discussed the Engineer's statements and requested he attend the February meeting for further discussion. The Board also expressed concerns over the composting toilet option. The Board feels that the amount of usage these restrooms will get may be far in excess of what a composting toilet can handle. The main concern is on those days that there are events in the park; the restrooms will have very high usage. Further investigation into this option will be needed prior to making a recommendation.

Mrs. Hollenbach advised the Board that supplies have been purchased for the Willow Creek Stream Improvement Project. The receipts were submitted to the Fish and Boat Commission for reimbursement. This was completed by years end.

Mrs. Hollenbach advised the Board that the Tri-Valley YMCA is looking for a contact person from the Board. Hether Quillman volunteered to be the contact person. Mrs. Hollenbach stated that it does not appear that the YMCA will be holding 'Tiger Rec Nights' this winter. The Board agreed to keep the funding in the budget, in case recreation nights are rescheduled.

Mrs. Quillman asked why the sanitation payments exceeded the budgeted amount. Mrs. Hollenbach advised that there were a few events last year (e.g. The Blueberry Festival, Community Day/Car Show) that required additional portable toilets. In addition, when the facilities are vandalized, there is an additional cost for the vendor to come out to repair/ service the unit.

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:
None, engineering items were discussed in the Manager's Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Mr. Keith McCarthy and Mrs. Suzanne Miller, representatives of the Fleetwood Area Baseball Association (FABA), came to discuss cooperation between FABA and Maidencreek Ball Club (MBC). Mr. McCarthy stated that he is the new FABA President and has been informed of the strained relationship between the groups and wanted to come to a mutual agreement and begin cooperating. Kim Rossetti stated last year's President, Mr. Miller, came to a meeting last year to do the same thing. She stated that at that meeting, many of the miscommunications had been cleared up and the two organizations did not have any conflicts last year. The Board, Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Miller had a lengthy discussion concerning cooperation between the two groups. Mrs. Hollenbach asked for the FABA website information so she can add their link onto the Area Recreation Links on the Township Park and Recreation web site. The Board thanked Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Miller for coming to the meeting to discuss these issues and hoped the groups continue to have a positive relationship going forward.

OLD BUSINESS:
Open Space Management Plan
Mrs. Hollenbach advised the Board that Mr. Larry Lloyd, Berks County Conservancy, has offered to develop and write the Township's Open Space Management Plan, free of charge. The Board asked Mrs. Hollenbach to advise Mr. Lloyd to proceed and thank him for his generous offer.

Recap of Open Items
The Board has reviewed 2011 Project List. The posts have been set for the park signs. The Road Crew will complete the items on the list as their time and weather permit. Mrs. Hollenbach stated that a spring rider has been broken at the Blandon Fire Company. After discussion, the Board agreed the equipment does not need to be replaced at this time.

The Board also discussed the Willow Creek Stream Project and the possibility of some residents mowing the open space behind their homes. Mrs. Hollenbach confirmed that the Board of Supervisors has agreed with the Board recommendation, as recommended by the Fish and Boat Commission, not to mow the open space by the creek, except to provide a walking path. The Board feels that any mowing of the open space, by the residents, threatens the integrity of the project. This matter will be discussed further at future meetings. Mrs. Hollenbach recommended the speed enforcement sign be taken down since the information is outdated. The Board considered this and proposed the option that the sign be re-painted and "Willow Creek Stream Reclamation Project Underway" be written on the sign instead. This should help with the notification to the area residents.

The Board then revisited the Community Park Bathroom Project. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the Engineer's recommendation and unanimously agreed that the bathroom project was decided a few months ago, after many months of review, and wishes to proceed with the purchase of the pre-fabricated bathroom structure. The Board has a Motion to the Board of Supervisors, made at the September 2nd meeting, and requested Mrs. Hollenbach asks the Board of Supervisors to revisit this motion. The Board also asked Mrs. Hollenbach to instruct the Township Engineer to review the requirements for the grinder pump and concrete base.

The Board also requests the ball fields are tended to before the baseball season. Some areas need the be filled in, the infields raked, rolled and drug. Mrs. Hollenbach will add this to the Road Crew's list.

NEW BUSINESS:

T-Ball

Brian Felker is the new Director for Maidencreek Ball Club. He is currently working on changes to the registration form. The registration forms will go home with the elementary school children, will be included in the Township Newsletter and on the Township Website. The forms will be available some time in February. The season will run from the end of April through June. The Board discussed having possibility having a "Night at the Reading Phillies" night. The Board also discussed the possibility of a professional photographer to take photos this year.

Community Day

The 2011 Community Day event is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th with a start time of 4pm, ending at dusk with a fireworks display. The Board of Supervisors has tabled the fireworks decision until after the New Year; no decision has been made at this time.

Robert Ramsey said he has been in contact with the Iron Pigs to see if they would send a mascot for our event. He will also contact Life Flight to see if the helicopter would be able to return.

Tim Mills is interested in helping plan the event. Mrs. Hollenbach will ask Chief Daniel Miller if they are interested in participating again. The Board felt that the children and adults really enjoyed the Fire Company's activities and would like to see them return. Mr. Mills stated that most of the tricycles have been repaired and can now withstand a higher weight limit, allowing more adults to participate in the races.

The Board would like to look into having a band play during the Community Day events in the evening. Possible suggestions were the High School marching band and the Middle School Advanced Band.

The Board will also start to look for community groups, looking for fundraising opportunities, to run craft tables or games. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scout groups will be contacted.

Mr. Mills also suggested the possibility of a parade to kick-start the event, ending at the Community Park. The Board will continue this discussion at the February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.
The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 3, 2011, 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Rossetti
Recording Secretary

Diane E. Hollenbach
Township Manager/Secretary

cc: Park & Recreation Board
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