MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting February 3, 2011

Attending: Hether Quillman; David Anspach; Robert Ramsey; Brian Felker; Diane Hollenbach- Township Manager; Tom Unger- Township Engineer, SDE; Bridgit Murphy- SDE; Kim Rossetti- Recording Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Robert Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 Re-organization and Regular meeting, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor; the motion passed.

MANAGER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Manager/Treasurer's report. Diane Hollenbach advised the Board that a deposit of $678 was made at the end of January representing a late tax payment. She also recently received a check for $3,000 from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. The check represented reimbursement for supplies purchased for the Willow Creek Stream Improvement Project.

Motion:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Tom Unger, Township Engineer and Brigit Murphy, of SDE, presented the Board with drawings and estimates for the Community Park Restroom project. Mr. Unger confirmed that this project will need a grinder pump installed.

Currently, the only Costars vendor is Romtec and the Board has previously chosen and recommended the Sierra III model. Mr. Unger and Ms. Murphy advised the Board that the Romtec option would be the most expensive. The product is considered a pre-fabricated building, however, it is delivered as a building-kit package and would have to be unpacked, assembled on-site and connected to the utilities. The Romtec estimate adds an additional $123,995.00 if their employees unload and assemble the structure; it would cost about $27,000 to install the grinder pump and connect the building to the utilities. The estimated total cost would be $261,667.62. Mr. Unger stated a cheaper option would be to hire a general contractor to construct the kit, install the pump, and perform the utility connection with an estimated cost of $216,420.62

Ms. Murphy then provided the Board with a cost estimate from Modern Precast Concrete, Inc. This product is also a pre-fabricated building but is not a kit; it could be delivered in two pieces. The MPC, Inc. representative is willing to customize their models to fit the desired 24'x24' structure specifications. The structure would be as vandal-proof as possible and has a few external mold options (split rock, brick face, and wood grain); the brick face and wood grain options being the easiest to clean. The cost estimate of the structure, foundation, grinder pump installation and utility hook-up would be $173,317.50.

The vendor is not Costars approved but is willing to go through the application process for this project. Mr. Unger advised the Board that Costars pricing is not always the cheapest alternative, but it does allow a project to proceed without having to get bids. He also noted that Costars prices could be negotiated.

Mr. Unger recommended proceeding on both fronts to obtain the best pricing. He stated that he could prepare the bid specifications and then compare any bids to Costars quotes. Mr. Unger stated that once the Supervisors approve the recommendation, he could have the bid specifications ready quickly. The Board discussed having the bids opened at the Park and Recreation meeting in April and then making a final recommendation for the Board of Supervisors meeting the following week.

Motion:
David Anspach made a motion to withdraw the previous motion concerning the Sierra III Romtec structure and recommends the Board of Supervisors authorize SDE to prepare a bid package as well as review and negotiate pre-fabricated restroom facilities through Costars, seconded by Robert Ramsey. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor; the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Day

The Board discussed canceling the 2011 Community Day event. The Board was concerned with running the event at the same time as the bathroom construction project occurring in the same location. The Board discussed other alternatives for entertainment, including a music event in the park. The Board will discuss this further at the March meeting.

Willow Creek Habitat Restoration Project

The Board reviewed the brochure and was pleased with the information. Mrs. Hollenbach stated that John Buzzar, of PA Fish and Boat, is ready to begin and he is looking into applying for another grant.

T-Ball

Brian Felker advised the Board that the registration forms are copied and ready to go out to the schools. He stated the registration forms already note photo day as June 4th. The Board discussed some alternatives for the families, since Community Days will not be held at this time. The discussion will continue at the March meeting.

Rain Garden

The Board reviewed a message from Elaine Bartholomew of the Maidencreek Watershed Association. She is looking to schedule a rain garden workshop in the spring to inform the residents about the benefits of rain gardens. The Board supports the workshops but the workshop held in the fall only had one resident attend. The Board discussed the request and felt Mrs. Bartholomew would have a better turn out if she collaborated with Esbanshades.

Mrs. Hollenbach also suggested having the workshop in the community room at the new assisted living facility, when it opens in June. Mrs. Hollenbach will contact both locations to see if they are interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blandon Fire Company Bathroom Water Leak

Mrs. Hollenbach advised the Board that there is a leak somewhere between the Blandon Fire Company bathrooms and the playground bathrooms. The weather and ground conditions have hampered the repairs. The line could not be shut off at the water main because it also would shut off the water to the Fire Company bathrooms. The Board discussed the issue and would like a water shut off and gauge installed immediately after the Fire Company bathroom line.

Earth Day Stream Clean-up Event

The Board agreed this would be a good idea for a Boy Scout or Eagle Scout community service project.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Robert Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.
The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 3, 2011, 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Rossetti
Recording Secretary

Diane E. Hollenbach
Township Manager/Secretary

cc: Park & Recreation Board
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