MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting April 7, 2011

Attending: Hether Quillman; 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 March 3, 2011 regular meeting, seconded by Brian Felker. 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 the tax money is slowly coming in and the bulk of it should be in by the end of April. The Road Crew finished installing the signs at both Cornerstone and Faith Drive locations. Robert Ramsey asked that the post bases be capped, for a more finished look. The Road Crew also cleaned the graffiti from the picnic tables, installed the hockey nets and bike rack, and assembled the soccer goals for Ontelaunee Heights and Cornerstone Drive.

Motion:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Community Park Bathroom Project

Bridgit Murphy, SDE, presented the Board with a materials estimate for the project. The structure will have James Hardie cement siding on the outside and NuFiber laminated OSB for the interior. It will be insulated floor to ceiling, and an upper storage area will be above the storage/concession area. The bathrooms will be insulated and have a drywall ceiling (for noise control and lighting). The fixtures will be stainless, the partitions will be powder coated steel; there will be fire extinguishing trash cans, a stainless steel shelf outside of the concession/storage window and counter/cabinets within the storage area.

The Board discussed the need for a separate hand washing sink in the storage/concession area as well as adding a utility sink in the storage area. The Board would like to have the toilets use manual flush valves and the sinks use push-on, metered faucets to prevent the water from continually running, if left on. The Board would also like to have foldable wall-mounted changing facilities (e.g. Koala Care) for each restroom. The Board asked Mr. Unger to look into installing an energy efficient, instant water heater, to heat water, as needed.

Mr. Unger confirmed that the materials estimate did not include the electrical or plumbing costs. He recommended bidding the electrical costs, but stated that since the costs should be under $10,000, only three quotes will be needed.

Mr. Unger also stated that because the Road Crew, and he suggested some volunteers with construction experience, will be doing much of the construction, he believed the materials may be able to be purchased on State Contract, rather than bid out. Mrs. Hollenbach will check with the Township Solicitor to confirm this.

Motion:
Robert Ramsey made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the Community Park Restroom Project, as designed by SDE, with a materials cost estimate of $85,000 for the structure, the Road Crew to perform most of the construction, plus electrical installation and materials, not to exceed $10,000 and plumbing costs, as needed, seconded by Brian Felker. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor; the motion passed.

Porta-Potty & Dumpster Area- Community Park
Tabled

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

OLD BUSINESS:
Park and Recreation Workshop
All Park and Recreation Board members will attend an educational workshop at Albright College on Thursday, April 28, 2011. The topic is "Maintaining Quality Services Through Communities Working Together".

Open Space Management Plan
The Board reviewed the Maidencreek Township Willow Creek Project Management Plan, 2011, prepared by Larry Lloyd and Diane Hollenbach. Mr. Lloyd recommended and submitted a sample of a Natural Area/Garden Resolution to go along with the Open Space program. He also recommended the Board include a project list with estimated costs. The Board will include this information within the Park and Recreation 5-Year plan.

Motion:
Kim Rossetti made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors consider adopting a Natural Area/Garden Resolution, as recommended by Larry Lloyd, seconded by Brian Felker. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor; the motion passed.

Mrs. Hollenbach advised the Board that some individuals were seen fishing from the Schaeffer Bridge. The Board agreed this was dangerous.

Motion:
Robert Ramsey made a motion to install a "No Fishing From Bridge" sign on the Schaeffer Road Bridge, seconded by Brian Felker. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor; the motion passed.

T-Ball
Brian Felker advised the Board that 195 children registered for the program this year. The league picture day and picnic will be on June 4th from 12:00pm - 2pm with everyone to show

at 11:45 for the photo. Brian Felker presented the Board with an estimate from Kathryn's Katering for a catered picnic. Coaches and players will be free and all others have the option to purchase a meal for $2. Parents will be asked to donate desserts in a disposable container. A friendly T-ball Coach vs. Coach-Pitch Coach game will be planned for entertainment.

NEW BUSINESS:

YMCA Summer Playground Contract

The Board was advised of concerns regarding the Tri-Valley YMCA program literature and using tax money for the programs. The debate about using tax dollars for the summer playground program was discussed for the last few years. The Tri-Valley YMCA has asked the Township for $6,000 to run the Tri-Valley YMCA run 2011 summer playground program at the Township maintained, Blandon Fire Company playground. In addition to the Township funds, the YMCA charges $40 per child for the 8-week program. Based on past YMCA playground summary reports, the Board estimated 80-125 children registered for the playground the past few years. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding continuing to fund the program or whether such programs should be self-funded. The Board agreed to recommend the program not be funded for 2011, but allow the Tri-Valley YMCA to use the facilities free of charge.

Motion:

Robert Ramsey made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors not fund the Tri-Valley YMCA 2011 Summer Playground program, but allow the Tri-Valley YMCA to use the Blandon Fire Company facilities, seconded by Brian Felker. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor; the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Brian Felker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hether Quillman. Hearing no questions, all voted in favor; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.
The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 5, 2011, 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Rossetti
Recording Secretary

Diane E. Hollenbach
Township Manager/Secretary

cc: Park & Recreation Board
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