MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting May 5, 2011

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

Hether Quillman called the Regular meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:
Robert Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2011 Regular meeting, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER/TREASURER'S REPORT:
The Board reviewed the Manager/Treasurer's report. Diane Hollenbach advised the Board that the tax money will be deposited in the coming weeks. She also reviewed the list of items and areas that were vandalized. She confirmed that the porta-potties have been moved away from the shed and creek; they are now located near the basketball courts.

Mrs. Hollenbach provided the Board with an Application for the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society. By joining this organization the township will be able to sell discounted tickets to theme parks, ski resorts, etc. and will receive notices when grants are available. The Township will also receive a small percentage from the tickets sold. Mrs. Hollenbach will confirm whether the Park and Recreation Board would be considered an "Agency" or "Board/Commission/Friends Group" on the application. Any profit made on the sale of tickets will be used to offset the cost of the membership.

Motion:
David Anspach made a motion to purchase a membership to the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Inc. for six (6) members, seconded by Robert Ramsey. Hearing no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hollenbach stated that the Community Park bathroom construction would start as soon as the Township Engineer provides the plan/layout and material list. The Road Crew is ready to begin.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:
None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

OLD BUSINESS:
T-Ball
Robert Ramsey and Brian Felker advised the Board that the ball fields need dirt. There are many low spots and the water is ponding at home plate and behind the infield bases.

Mr. Felker advised the Board that some FABA baseball teams were practicing at the fields when the MBC teams were scheduled to play. These conflicts have been occurring each year for the past 6 years. The Board discussed how to change the field assignment procedures for next year to avoid these conflicts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Security/Vandalism Deterrents

Brian Felker provided the Board with information on vandal-proof security cameras. He suggested the cameras be hooked to a DVR and have night vision capabilities. Mrs. Hollenbach stated she researched the same type of products. The Board discussed placing cameras at the Maidencreek Community Park and Blandon Fire Company locations to start.

Motion:

Robert Ramsey made a motion to purchase four (4) video camera systems and two (2) DVRs, seconded by Brian Felker. Hearing no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Workshop Discussion- Community Cooperative for Recreational Services

The Board discussed the pros and cons of entering into a Community Cooperative for joint services with one or more of the surrounding municipalities/school (FASD, Fleetwood, Richmond, Ontelaunee, Leesport). Diane Hollenbach will discuss, with the Township Supervisors, the Board's interest in doing this. The Board is not interested in pursuing a Peer-to-Peer review, as suggested in the Workshop, but rather an informal agreement. The Board is considering working with Ontelaunee Township, PA Game Commission and the City of Reading, to offer programs for residents that utilizes the open space around Lake Ontelaunee. Some ideas include mowed walking trails and other natural/passive recreation.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Brian Felker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Anspach. Hether Quillman, Robert Ramsey, Brian Felker and Kim Rossetti voted, "Aye" and David Anspach voted, "Nay". The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.
The next meeting will be Thursday, June 2nd, 2011, 7:00pm at Maidencreek Community Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Rossetti
Recording Secretary

Diane E. Hollenbach
Township Manager/Secretary

cc:
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Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager
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