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

Attending: Hether Quillman, David Anspach, Robert Ramsey; Brian Felker;
Diane Hollenbach- Substitute Recording Secretary

Guests: Tim Pinnix, Sheree L. Combs, Amanda Oross, Marissa Werley, Samantha Pinnix, Casey Krueger, Emily Pinnix, Kathleen Kaskey, Laura Kaskey, Courtney Birckbichler, Jill Birckbichler, Hanna Geesey, Ripley Price, Geoffrey Price, Shari Wilkinson Geesey,

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Robert Ramsey made a motion to waive the reading of the October 6, 2011 Regular meeting minutes and approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brian Felker. Hearing no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the submission for payment for the US Fish and Wildlife Service Grant and the CHIP Grant. A total of $19,000 should be sent to the Board in the next few months. Trees were planted on October 15th by volunteers from Fleetwood High School and Middle School, Trout Unlimited and Kutztown University. These volunteer hours counted toward in kind service for the grants.

Motion:

Robert Ramsey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Brian Felker. Hearing no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Manager's Report for November. Mrs. Hollenbach reported that the contracts for the Community Park Restrooms were signed.

Every member received a copy of the Fleetwood – Maidencreek – Richmond Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Motion:

Robert Ramsey made a motion to approve the Manager's Report, seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Girls Scouts provided comment on activities they would like to see in the future, which included Community Day (with food, inflatables, hayride, fireworks and crafts), a carnival, a dance party, a theater series, a candy cane hunt or egg hunt, Relay for Life with a DJ. The girls also thought that it would be good to have a bulletin board in the park where people can post notices and to have signs for events put in places people go past everyday.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Wyatt Drive Playground – The Township Board of Supervisors received a request for lighting at the Wyatt Drive Tot Lot because there was graffiti, drug deals and indecent behavior. Prior to the October Board of Supervisors Meeting, there had been no complaints about this playground. The Park and Recreation Board authorized the Township Manager to send the property owners adjacent to the Wyatt Drive Tot Lot a letter asking if there were any of the problems at the playground and how they felt about the installation of lights. The Manager will also notify the police of the complaint.

2011 Annual Report – The Board reviewed the draft Annual Report to the Supervisors. No changes were made. The Report will be adopted and signed in January.

December Meeting – The Board agreed to cancel the December meeting as only two members could attend. The next meeting will be Reorganization followed by a Regular Meeting on January 5, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Term Expiration – Mrs. Hollenbach informed the Board that Robert Ramsey's term of office expires at the end of 2011. Mr. Ramsey was uncertain if he could continue on the Board due to a work conflict on Thursday evenings. The Board will discuss moving the meeting to a Monday evening at Reorganization.

Policies and Procedures – Brian Felker asked that the Manager bring this to the Solicitor's attention for his review.

Water Leak at Blandon Fire Company – Mrs. Hollenbach reported that there was a leak losing over 200,000 gallons of water per quarter at the Blandon Fire Company. The Authority will repair the leak and discuss installing a new line to the bathrooms.

Library Donation – Mrs. Hollenbach asked the Board if they still wanted to include a donation to the library in the 2012 budget. Dave Anspach asked the audience how many of them used the library. All in attendance said that they did. The Park and Recreation Board recommended that the donation be kept in the budget.

YMCA Summer Camp – The Board asked the Manager to contact Mr. Mayer for attendance numbers for the YMCA Summer Playground and to remind Mr. Mayer that someone needs to begin fundraising for the 2012 camp. Robert Ramsey responded to audience questions on why the program was cut from the budget as follows: the percentage of participants was low compared to the percentage of tax money used and the Park and Recreation Board has been instructed by the Supervisors that recreation programs should be self funding. The Board was also concerned that by funding one faith based organization, they would be obligated to fund all others. A suggestion was made to the Board to have the Township run the program instead of the YMCA.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, David Anspach made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert Ramsey. Hearing no questions, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E. Hollenbach
Township Manager/Secretary

cc: Park & Recreation Board
Board of Supervisors
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Planning Commission
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