

Wallace Township Parks & Rec Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 16, 2006

Meeting commenced at 7:40PM.

Attendees: Mark Bainbridge, Jim Lauckner, Greg Newell, Janet Grashof (PC), Bryan McDonough, Andreas Nikolai (guest).

Supervisor's Meeting Report – There was a scheduling conflict so Mary missed January's Supervisor's meeting. However, since Bryan was in attendance, he gave us a summary of the meeting. We asked him about the \$60K Park item on the 2006 Budget. He will be looking into this item and get us some details. He stated that there will be a special Supervisor's meeting to discuss the 2006 budget on Wednesday, 1/25/06 at 7:30PM. He encouraged us to attend and discuss this item.

Correspondences – None.

Committee Reports

WTPA – no new report. We will be requesting a copy of the public trails map.

GEYA – The Downingtown School District will be allowing the usage of Indiantown Fields during construction of the school. With that decision, the field usage application for Indiantown Fields by GEYA can be processed.

GGs – Mary – GGS is branching out to more teams to include in their schedule. A tournament has been proposed to be held at Wagenseller Park the weekend of May 21st. Everyone is very excited about this.

DARC – no new report.

Planning Commission – Skip received a letter from Dorothy Kirk (WTPA), with the Hankin Group CC'ed. The letter was regarding a meeting that took place between Hankin and the WTPA. The logistics were agreed upon about trails and parking for the trails on the Hankin property.

Old Business

1. Eagle Scout Project – Jason McDowell has been given a 3/29 deadline to complete the roofs on the dugouts at Wagenseller Park.
2. 2006 Budget – there was a lot of discussion about the progress regarding the township parks. The board feels that there has been little to no progress with developing the parks for usage. This is especially true for Alice Park. For the 2005 budget, the board submitted a Parks budget for @ \$75K to pay for renovations (specifically bathrooms) at Wagenseller Park. The Parks budget for 2005 as determined the Supervisors was \$0. The board was extremely frustrated by this. At this meeting, we had a big discussion about putting bathrooms in at Wagenseller Park. The board feels that the current solution (Port-o-Potty) is an embarrassment. The Twp owns a sewage treatment plant right there on the property and are already paying for it, yet we can't put in bathrooms a few

- hundred feet away. We will look into contacting a commission-based grant writer to apply for a grant for the money to pay for bathrooms at Wagenseller Park. We also discussed Alice Park and the lack of progress on this. Janet said that the PC approved the final plans for Alice Park in October, 2005. She will get more details on this. We will be requesting an updated timeline on the Alice Park project and will begin keeping up on its progress.
3. Recreational Impact Fee – we discussed if there was a Recreational Impact Fee in the Twp for new developers. Janet will check with Skip if there is one and also check about an Open Space Ordinance requiring new developers to donate either a certain amount of open space per property or a fee in lieu of the open space.

New Business

1. Appoint Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary of the Parks & Rec Board. These will remain the same as they were for 2005 as follows:
 - Chairman – Mark Bainbridge
 - Vice Chairman – Jim Lauckner
 - Secretary – Mary Jacobsen

Supervisor's Meetings

January – Greg will be attending the 8AM meeting on 1/18.

Feb – Jim/Mark

March - Mary

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.