

North Middleton Township
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
March 25, 2008

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Ciuffo at 7:00 p.m., on March 26, 2008. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the February 26, 2008 Recreation Advisory Board meeting, with the change to the attendance sheet adding Jim Spangler to the Recreation Advisory Board members to the list for special events, were approved on motion of Jim Spangler, seconded by Marilyn Hannah. Motion carried unanimously.

Dog Parks: Sharon and Steve Gensler advised the Board they have secured the 5013 C as required by the Board of Supervisors, which makes them a non-profit entity. They continue to be in negotiations with Carlisle Borough regarding Shaffer Park for requested space; however, at this time they did not feel very hopeful. They said Andrea Crouse, Recreation Director at Carlisle advised them the Recreation Board will not support a dog park. They plan on speaking to Middlesex. They further advised, they hope to be in discussions with County personnel, and “are meeting with one of Rick Rovegno’s people” on Wednesday, March 26. However, they have been told Rick is not in favor of county land for dog parks. The Board suggested they consider looking into a developer who would consider donating land. Sally cautioned it would be beneficial to discuss this with an attorney first because of the law regarding using land vs owning land, and the responsibilities of insurance ramifications. The Board invited the Genslers back to update them on their progress. Both Genslers thanked the North Middleton Recreation Advisory Board and Sally for their kindness throughout this process.

Directors Report:

A. Pavilion Rentals: As of March 24, there were sixty-one rentals, for a total of \$1935 with approximately 4570 guests. The comparison figures for March 2007 were fifty-four rentals with an approximate number of 5,240 guests, totaling \$2,205. The discrepancy in the figures is due to several outstanding payments for registration after complication.

B. Promotional Flyers: Flyers and flyer venues for the concert and car show were passed out.

C. North Middleton Park Rest Room Facilities: A meeting was held on March 17, regarding updating and remodeling and cost of the holding tank and anchors, delivery time and warranty, and pump requirements including electric. Attendees included: Greg Lebo, Brehm-Lebo Engineering, Lester Brickner, Howard Bear, Dick Cockley, Sally Scharadin, and Debi Ealer. Another meeting will be held on March 31 to finalize plans, and set up a work schedule. Brehm-Lebo will have final figures. We are awaiting reimbursement from DCNR for funding for the facility.

D. North Middleton/Carlisle Joint Forces: Sally and Andrea met on March 18, 2008 to review information they assembled with regard to facilities and programs in place by both communities. Sally asked if there were any questions. She said they will meet on Monday, March 31 and tour the parks of both municipalities. Sally noted it appears the main problem appears to be excess costs for non-residents for the various events and swimming pool, and it appears the only way to compensate for these fees without the residents paying individually, is for North Middleton to pay an agreed upon fee for usage.

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Parks Report: Dick Cockley advised the fences are in place around the retention and detention basins. The crew began work on March 24. Wendy noted she had been questioned by residents living close to the park about what type of spraying will be done and when with regard to mosquitoes breeding at the at the basins. Dick advised this will not be handled by the park crew because a special license is required to use the necessary chemicals. Consequently, one of the road crew, who is licensed, will have to spray.

New Business: Wendy advised we must pick a water fountain to recommend to the BOS for Village Park, recommending the fountain be ADA access able for juvenile and adults in addition to the spigot for non-handicapped. Sally showed the board pictures of several options. Picture of fountain suggested attached. Dick said he spoke to Bryan White at the North Middleton Authority who felt a freeze free fountain was not necessary since the water is turned off during winter months. A freeze free fountain is approximately \$1000 to \$1200 more than the traditional.

Old Business:

A. Easter Egg Hunt: Wendy advised in spite of the weather, the crowd at the Easter Egg Hunt was about the usual size of approximately two hundred and fifty. Because of the rain and the “mushy” ground, eggs were placed on and under the tables in pavilion 3 and in baskets, which were taken around by the Recreation Board members. She noted there were some complaints the hunt was not conducted in the grass and the children were not divided into age groups; however, most parents were grateful for the cover of the pavilion and understood it was not possible to divide a large group, given the dimensions of the pavilion. All four thousand eggs were given to the children. Wendy recommended the hunt be held at Village Park in 2009, because of the larger pavilion and there is no creek flood the area, and it would be a good way to “show off our premier park”. Linda Castle motioned we move the hunt, seconded by Jim Spangler. A unanimous vote approved Wendy’s suggestion.

B. Concert & Car Show: Sally advised she has secured funding for the concert, Orrstown in the amount of \$750, and Carlisle Cement for the balance. Anyone with gifts or registrations should give them to Sally ASAP. She noted John Rumberger, Pres. of Carlisle Cement will, in all likelihood, contribute the balance of the charge for the group.

Wendy reminded the Board there will be a concert and car show meeting on Tuesday, April 1 at 10:00 at the Township building, and if anyone was available, they would be welcome, understanding most of the folks on the Board are working at that time. She further reminded them to bring in any gifts received as soon as they secured any because of the amount of paperwork necessary with each gift.

C. Playground Equipment: Wendy asked if the Recreation Board decided on a recommendations for the Board of Supervisors for funding future park purchases. The Board tabled any recommendation because it is awaiting Dick’s inventory of all equipment at the parks, and will render a decision upon receipt of said information.

Announcements:

Sally advised she received an e-mail of interest and resume from Michael Matter for the 2009 girl’s softball program. She and Debi will interview Mike.

Wendy announced the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be held at the Township building

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April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Wendy adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm, seconded by Jim Spangler and Medhi Atar.
Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Sally M. Scharadin
Recreation Director
North Middleton Township
Attachments