

North Middleton Township
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
February 23, 2010

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Spangler at 6:30 p.m., on February 23, 2010. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the January 26, 2010 Recreation Advisory Board meeting were approved on motion of Marilyn Hannah, seconded by Wendy Ciuffo. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

At the request of the Recreation Advisory Board, Dave Ely and an Associate, of George Ely Associates, Inc, attended the meeting and was moved to the first item of business because of travel later that evening. He addressed the following questions:

North Middleton Park - Longevity of equipment placed in flood zone

Village Park - Replace parts of broken piece of equipment

Tan bark vs. wood carpet

Equipment not available through Playworld Systems

A. North Middleton Park: Since the pavilion at the creek is the most popular, is it feasible to consider a new piece of equipment for the lower portion of the park, considering it is in the flood plain. If placement is feasible, will flooding affect the longevity of the piece, considering they are basically plastic? He responded he didn't feel a good piece of equipment, with steel base structure, would be too affected.

B. Village Park: Suggestions for using the existing posts at the piece of equipment off of Suncrest Drive, and not replacing the entire structure. If something could be added to said posts, will the addition affect insurance? Dave responded if the piece added is purchased, it should not affect our insurance; however, if said piece is made in house, it very well could. He recommended checking with our solicitor and insurance company. Dave will meet with Annette, Sally, Dick, and perhaps Lester to ascertain what, if anything can be done.

Dave advised any pieces considered by the Board, not in the sale catalog would have a 10% reduction in price and there will be no shipping on any equipment.

C. Smaller Items: No smaller items were available in the sale flyer we received. However, several items from another purveyor were considered, and the Board wanted to know if something similar might be available from Playworld Systems, and the cost of said item(s).

D. Wood Carpet: Since DCNR funding is not involved, the Board questioned the possibility of using regular tan bark, as is done in other parts of the parks. Dave responded a large percentage of tan bark used is not wood carpet and would not recommend it in flood areas because of the price.

E. Playground Equipment: The Board received copies of playground equipment prior to the meeting and was asked to look through said flyers and determine their ideas for new equipment. Discussion ensued with the following items being chosen for purchase. (See attached).

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Directors Report:

A. Pavilion Rentals: Annette reported rentals were opened to all residents February 1, 2010. As of February 22, 2010, there were forty three rentals, totaling \$1,630, with 4220 anticipated guests. This compares to thirty rentals, for a total of \$1100 with approximately 2690 guests on February 27, 2009. No negative comments have been received regarding price increase.

B. Travel Program 2010: Annette noted sixteen @ \$10 per person profit are registered for Williamsburg; Ellis Island and Lower Manhattan currently has thirty six, with twenty-one paid; North Middleton has thirty six registrants with twenty one paid, and Middlesex has six; eight for the overnight in New York with six paid; eleven for the June New York City on Own, with two paid; Baltimore has five, two from North Middleton and three from Middlesex; Ocean City has two; Philadelphia has eleven, with seven paid; eleven for New York on Own at Christmas, and twenty four for Washington D. C. White House Christmas, with two paid. She advised she, Sally, Denise, Recreation Director @ Middlesex, and Chrissie will meet tomorrow regarding scheduling the 2011 trips.

C. Youth Softball: Annette advised Coach Matter is holding softball registration tonight and again on March 23, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mike prefers to be available to parents who may have questions. Mike delivered twelve hundred information and registration copies to area schools.

D. Concert & Car Show: Sally noted a meeting will be held June 2 @ 8:00 am at North Middleton Park. She contacted the Hoovers, Glenn Minnich, Tom Berg, and Marilyn Hannah, and all are on board for the meeting. She also wrote thank you letters to Orrstown Band and John Rumberger.

E. Grant Update: Sally advised we received the check from DCNR in the amount of \$66,674. This amount will reimburse the Township for the amount previously spent on upgrades and new equipment at Village Park. The grant is now closed. Monies approved by the Board of Supervisors for equipment and park upgrades for 2010 are now available. The amount allotted is \$ 22,695. \$4,095 from 2009 and \$18,600 for 2010.

Parks Report: Dick Cockley was not in attendance.

Old Business:

A. North Middleton Park Bathroom Facility: Jim advised the Board because of the amount of snow in the past several weeks, Lester has been unable to work on the bathroom facility at North Middleton Park.

B. Easter Egg Hunt and Flyers: Jim noted Annette has flyers for delivery to various venues by the Board. She will supply the television stations and newspapers, including the Guide with information. In addition she will deliver flyers to the fire houses and banks. Delivery should be done the first week of March. The sign at the firehouse will also be put with the information for the event.

C. Firehouse Sign: Jim informed the Board that Annette asked Mike Murray to keep the display board up to date at the firehouse. Spring edition of the Township Newsletters is on the web. Copies have also been sent to the various residents who called in and requested they be included in the mailing. Because of the minimal number needed, copies were made in house.

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D. Summertime Adventure: Jim queried the members regarding the items they will have for Cindy's program and advised said items should be brought to the March 23 meeting.

E. Christmas Tree: Jim asked Marilyn if she had the opportunity to see if her suggested donors might have been contacted, and if they were, do they have a tree. She responded she had not had the opportunity to see the possible tree benefactors.

Announcements:

A. March Meeting: Jim advised the next meeting will be held at the Township building March 23 at 6:30 pm. A reminder the June, July and August meetings will be held at 6:30 pm at the parks, North Middleton, Creekview, and Village respectively.

Adjournment:

Jim adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm. Marilyn Hannah recommended closing the meeting, seconded by Mehdi and Wendy. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally M. Scharadin
Recreation Director
North Middleton Township
Attachments