

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION
MARCH 9, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

A. Chairman Heisner called the Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

A. The following Parks & Recreation members were present: Mr. Gambone, Mr. Heisner, Mr. Supplee and Mr. Wurtz.

B. Mrs. Mazza arrived late.

C. Mrs. Mandracchia and Mrs. Sorgini were absent.

D. Additional attendees included: Board of Supervisor Liaison Mr. Rick Brown, Student Representatives Mr. Sean O'Neill and Miss Megan Stauffer, and Parks & Recreation Director Mr. Karl Lukens.

3. Monthly Meeting:

A. Moment of silence in honor of Marty Dell Angelo:

1. Chairman Heisner requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Marty Dell Angelo, who served on the Parks & Recreation Board for over 20 years. Mr. Heisner requested that a page be set-aside in the minutes for Mr. Dell Angelo.

B. Introduction of new Student Representative Megan Stauffer:

1. Miss Megan Stauffer introduced herself to the Board. She is in tenth grade at Methacton High School, and participates in volleyball, softball, ARA basketball and club volleyball.

C. Introduction of new member Adam Supplee:

1. Mr. Supplee thanked the Board for inviting him to become a member. Mr. Supplee has been a Township resident since 1995. He is a professional landscape architect and planner.

D. Review/Approve meeting minutes of January 12, 2010 (No minutes for February 9, 2010 – meeting cancelled due to weather):

1. **MOTION** – Mr. Gambone made a motion to approve the January 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Wurtz seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 6-0.

4. Old Business:

A. Wooded Glen Field Update:

1. Mr. Lukens noted that the weather has prevented significant progress on the field.
2. Mr. Tom Leahan, President of the Methacton Wolverines, stated that the concession and restroom pre-fabricated building was complete and ready for installation. They are waiting to install the footings, which he is hoping will be complete prior to the busy season beginning for his volunteers. Once the footings are in, they will pour the concrete and can then bring in the building. Mr. Leahan noted that they need to dig out this area. It was originally 30' x 33', but the new building is 24' x 48'.

B. Discussion of request to extend lease for Wooded Glen Field by Methacton Wolverines:

1. Mr. Lukens does not have anything specific from the Solicitor. If the Park Board can provide their input, Mr. Lukens will forward that to Mr. Sheridan. Mr. Lukens has already provided a copy of the old lease and the proposed lease from the Wolverines to Mr. Sheridan.
2. Chairman Heisner requested that Mr. Lukens ask for Mr. Sheridan's feedback after he compares the two leases.

C. Update on Capital Projects:

1. Mr. Lukens remarked that the ARA pavilion will be 100% complete once the grass grows in. Today his crew backfilled around the pavilion area. They have also tilled, graded and seeded that area. ARA's opening day is April 10th, and Mr. Lukens thinks it will be ready by then.
 - a) Chairman Heisner asked if the pavilion needed to be painted or have a clear seal applied? Mr. Lukens indicated that it remains in its' natural state. If it begins to weather and look bad down the road they could paint it.
 - b) Mr. Heisner asked if the ARA snack bar had work done? Mr. Gambone explained that the ARA organization gutted the snack bar and re-did it at their own expense. This was done with about 60% volunteer labor and the remainder being paid.
2. Mr. Lukens noted that the Eskie Park bathrooms are 90% complete. They need to put the stalls up, place signs on the doors, and they need to move a toilet over about 2" from the wall for ADA compliancy.
 - a) Mr. Wurtz asked if the plumbing was coming in through the floor? Mr. Lukens explained that it comes in from the side.
 - b) Mr. Gambone discussed the numerous problems ARA experienced with their bathrooms, having replaced at least 80% of what was installed there. He commented that proper pitch and insulation were important. Mr. Lukens noted that the Eskie Park bathrooms are insulated.
 - c) Chairman Heisner asked about access to the bathrooms. Mr. Lukens noted they would create a blacktop connection from the restroom building to the pavilion.
 - d) Mr. Gambone asked what the timeframe was for completion? Mr. Lukens hopes it will be done next month so it is open as soon as the weather gets nice.
3. Mr. Lukens noted that for Evansburg Point Park they are looking to begin work on the parking lot, which he hopes would be completed quickly.
 - a) Mr. Gambone asked when this would be done? Mr. Lukens stated they would complete this as soon as possible once the weather breaks.
 - b) Mr. Wurtz asked if lighting issues for this field were resolved to everyone's satisfaction? Mr. Lukens believes this to be true. The lights were used last fall and there were no complaints.
4. Mr. Lukens remarked that the parking lot at the Township Building was this year's project.

D. Camp Perkiomy Hours of Operation:

1. Mr. Lukens reviewed the January Park Board discussion regarding options for Friday camp since the school buildings would not be available for use during Fridays over the summer. They have opted to do Field Trip Friday, and the school will allow them to continue meeting in the school's parking lot to meet for these trips.
 - a) Mr. Gambone asked if the parents were aware that the school district was responsible for this change in camp plans? He suggested that perhaps parents could go to a school board meeting to complain about the situation.
 - b) Mr. Lukens does not advocate for residents to complain to the school board. When people sign their children up for camp, they will be notified about the plans for Fridays. Camp runs seven weeks, and there are only six Friday's in question.
 - c) Chairman Heisner asked if the plans for Fridays were on the web site? Mr. Lukens noted that only information regarding camp registration was on the web site, but he can change that.
 - d) Supervisor Brown commented that as a grandparent who has to drop children off for camp, he likes the idea of Field Trip Friday.

5. New Business:

A. Eagle Scout Projects:

1. Mr. Lukens explained that a potential Eagle Scout called and asked him if there were specific projects that the Township needed to have completed within the parks? Mr. Lukens met with this scout, but noted that he did not have a definitive list of projects that could be handled in such a manner. He asked the Park Board if they could help generate ideas for future use.
2. Mr. Gambone remarked that they need picnic tables for under the new pavilion at ARA. ARA would pay for the wood, or perhaps get it donated from Lowes. Mr. Lukens noted that the Parks crew repaired and repainted the existing tables at ARA, so there are eight tables there now.
3. Chairman Heisner noted that they also need to include ADA compliant picnic tables.
4. Mr. Lukens noted that the Eagle Scout was interested in refurbishing a camp area in Evansburg State Park, so he does not know if that particular scout will be back. Mr. Lukens would like to compile a list of ideas to have as a reference for future requests.
5. Mr. Wurtz noted that part of an Eagle Scout project involves the scout supervising other scouts in their work.
6. Mr. Supplee asked if there was a need for signage or an information kiosk in any of the parks? Mr. Lukens referred to a bird kiosk in Hoy Park, noting that perhaps a fish one may be nice. Mr. Lukens asked everyone to forward their ideas to him.
7. Supervisor Brown requested that if there were an Eagle Scout who performs a significant project for the Township, if a representative from the Park Board could go to that scout's Court of Honor to present a plaque? He thinks this is nicer than having the scout come to a Board of Supervisors meeting for recognition.
8. Mr. Gambone requested that Mr. Lukens see if the potential Eagle Scout would like to make 10 picnic tables for ARA.

B. Tour of parks for Park & Recreation Board:

1. The Park Board began discussion of what time / day would be appropriate for the Park Board Park Tour. Two dates being considered are April 6, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and April 11, 2010 at 2 p.m. Mr. Lukens will send an email out to the Park Board requesting their input.

C. TreeVitalize request:

1. Mr. Lukens sought input on several ideas for the TreeVitalize request. He thinks the best project would be the creation of a planting tool library. This would be a library of tools, possibly housed in the barn that residents could sign out for use similar to a library book.
2. Mrs. Mazza arrived at this point in the meeting.
3. Mr. Supplee asked who owned the tools? Mr. Lukens stated that TreeVitalize owns the tools and the Township would track them.
4. Chairman Heisner asked how this would be managed on the weekends? Mr. Lukens thinks he would have people sign out tools on Friday for the weekend.
5. Mr. Lukens indicated that he needed to report the Board's interest back to Mr. Dunbar, and asked for opinions.
6. Mr. Gambone thinks it would be nice for residents to have access to those tools.
7. Supervisor Brown requested that Mr. Lukens invite a representative from TreeVitalize to the next Park Board meeting to explain how the program works. Mr. Lukens will do this. He also thinks that input is required from the Planning Commission.

6. Comments from Board:

- A. Mr. Lukens forwarded a thank-you note from Mr. Dell Angelo's son and daughter.
- B. Mr. Lukens noted that they will need help with the following upcoming events:

1. March 20th – Easter Egg Hunt – the rain date is March 27th. Board members should be here by 10 a.m. Let Angela know if you can help with this event.
 2. April 18th – Earth Day events – This day will begin with a shredding event at 11 a.m., with the remaining events beginning at noon.
- C. Mrs. Mazza noted that there was a meeting with Mr. Lukens, The Warriors and the Cougars. She asked if everything regarding the field is OK after this meeting? Mr. Lukens indicated that things were OK. The Warriors did seeding on the field. The new Athletic Director for the Cougars was there and indicated that the two organizations could work on the field together. Mr. Lukens noted that if the groups decide to aerate the field, he could have the Parks crew do that since the Township has equipment for that purpose.
- D. Mrs. Mazza noted that ARA's opening day was April 10th at 10 a.m.
1. Mr. Gambone asked Mr. Brown if he would like to participate in those ceremonies and if he would like to speak? Mr. Brown will see if he can be there but does not want to do a speech.
 2. Mr. Gambone noted they would have former Phillies outfielder Von Hayes, Senator Rafferty, and Representatives Vereb and Drucker on hand to participate. Mr. Gambone indicated the ceremony would be on the same field as last year and invited all of the Park Board members to attend.

7. Comments from Residents:

- A. Mr. Tom Leahan noted that the Wooded Glen Field is going through its' second full season of growth. He would like approval for use of this field during the next season and also to host an opening ceremony at the field. Mr. Leahan stated that they would not have a football schedule until mid-July, but opening ceremonies would be Labor Day weekend.
1. Mrs. Mazza suggested holding a scrimmage the day of opening ceremonies.
 2. Chairman Heisner asked whom they should consult with regarding allowing use of the field. HE asked if there was someone from the golf course they could check with? Mr. Lukens will try to coordinate something with the golf course.
 3. Mr. Supplee commented that two years is a standard time to allow for turf growth prior to use of a new field, so they should be able to play on the field this year.

8. Adjourn:

- A. **MOTION** – Mr. Gambone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wurtz seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2010

**This page is set aside
In remembrance of
Mr. Marty Dell Angelo**