

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Minutes: Sept 8, 2016 7pm

Next Meeting: November 2

Minutes from the May meeting were distributed by email and are posted on the township's website under meetings and agendas.

In attendance: Karen McConnell, Arthur Punla, Jill Daggon

Committee Reports:

- o Open Space: Karen McConnell: *No meetings during the summer. Next meeting is Monday 9/12. They are working on an app for trails – perhaps as part of a township app. They have met with Joe Sperone from Washington Twp Trails Committee and may look into working together on trails. There were several trail clean up days, and now they are working on having a Trails Day at the end of fall.*
- o Parks, Buildings & Grounds: Jim Lynch: *The Mutual Facilities and Sports Associations meeting notes cover most of the parks/facilities news since May. MOBSA had a press box constructed at Russ Nagel field at Flanders Park. There have been a few meetings to discuss MOJLC plans for Drakes Brook – both to address their immediate concerns (preparing for Spring 2017 use and utilizing the donation from Givaudan) and the longer term plans for finishing out the park.*
- o Board of Ed: *No report.*

Updates & New Business:

- o Meetings were held with the residents of Sunset Drive, to review privacy and noise issues from events/activities at TBP. *Jim has plans for privacy screening and tree plantings between soccer fields 1 & 3 and the soccer parking lot bordering the sunset Drive homes' backyards. Jill met with 2 homeowners several times during the carnival set-up and during the carnival to address their concerns.*
- o Farmers' Market began 6/18 and closed 7/9 – Not enough shoppers or vendors to keep it open, Vendors decided to discontinue.
- o Splashpad: Opened July 16th, and had some start up challenges as well as damage to controllers from lightning, etc. Season ended on Labor Day. There is some additional work to be done on the splashpad, before it is winterized.
 - o Group permit policy established, and gazebo rentals. For 2017, we will add large umbrellas to the picnic tables in the paver area, for more shade.
 - o Pickets can be engraved (like Mount Playmore), New Pirates Cove sign will be made and installed, additional sponsored benches have been ordered, restrooms being finished.
- o Summer camps: Rec's Day camp programs ran from 6/22 through 8/12. Most other specialty camps were held. A few had low enrollment and were canceled. Jump Start Sports camp started a week late, due to enrollment levels, but continued through 8/12.
- o New programming for Fall: JumpStart Sports, Jr NBA & WNBA, Girls' Travel Basketball for grades 6-8, All Stars After School program is now also at Tinc Rd School, Garage Band & Piano lessons, Film making, Yoga, and Kujenga robotics classes.
- o Budget planning for 2017 has begun.
- o Mutual Facilities Meeting and Sports Associations' meeting was held on 8/31. A Tournament Planning Committee is being convened on 9/28 to develop policies and procedures for sports tournaments. MOSC is planning on holding 6 additional smaller tournaments during 2017. They are also planning on having a small tournament Columbus Day Weekend next month, prior to their giant Halloween Tournament.

Old Business

1. 2016 Fall Even volunteers needed: 9/24 Starry Skies, 10/29 Monster Mash & Glo Run, 11/19 Hot Cocoa 5K, 12/11 Winterland workshops
2. Need leads for sponsors and vendors for all print and digital media. More opportunities for banners (especially feather banners)
3. New programs/New instructors needed for Rec programming.
4. Fall Brochure will be in schools Friday, Sept. 9. Winter Brochure will be in schools 12/9.
5. Recreation's Monthly Reports for May - August

Events:

1. 5/14 Fairy & Pirate Festival: 50 vendors! Special luncheon with a Snow Princess, Mermaid & Pirate (carried over from January). About 4500 people attended – most in costumes – largest festival in 6 years.
2. 6/18 Raiders of the Lost Park Mud Run – 750 people participated! About 500 spectators joined us throughout the day, for a total of 1250 people. Perfect weather. Participants didn't want to wait for their assigned wave starts, so there were some waves that 80 people (instead of 30) which caused some back-ups at various obstacles. We will need to rethink how to set-up/enforce the wave start limits for next year.
3. 7/6-10 Mt. Olive Week Carnival – Set up started early – the carnival company arrived a week early (between shows). Weather was not nice – Friday's Microburst storm damaged the vendor tents, washed out some roadways – we had to cancel Friday so emergency services were free to assist around town. Saturday's weather was foggy, with more thunderstorms predicted. We closed by 8pm Fireworks were moved to Sunday, which had a nice turn out, but not as busy as a Saturday. 7 other area towns reschedule their fireworks from July 4th weekend to the same Sunday. Overall, we brought in about \$20,000 less in revenue than last year.
4. 7/29, 8/5 8/12 Movies in the Park: The Peanuts Movie, Night at the Museum, Alvin & the Chipmunks – Road Chip. 2 of the evenings the movie had to be relocated to the Senior Center due to thunderstorms.
5. 8/27 Touch-A-Truck 10am-2pm about 2500 people came out to look at the over 20 different vehicles and enjoy monster truck rides!

6. 8/27 Food Truck & Fireworks Festival 4pm-10pm (25 food vendors!, 20+ other vendors) Soccer fields 5 & 7 were the perfect location for the event! About 8,000 joined us, still plenty of room to have more guests next year. The beer garden did well (still waiting for the report) All the vendors were pleased, many positive comments.

Upcoming Events

7. 9/24 Starry Skies Craft Beer and Wine event
8. 10/29 Monster Mash Dash and Glow Run
9. 11/19 Chocolate Festival & 5K
10. 12/10 Winterland – winter crafts and activities at the Senior Center

Trips

6/29 Yankees trip – did not sell out, did not cover the costs of the trip. At this time we are not planning any more trips. Last year, we did not sell out the Trans Siberian orchestra trip, so we are not planning on going this year.

- **Other:** *Since Recreation needs to recover the \$20,000 of revenue not accomplished by the carnival, the committee can help by finding sponsors for banners for our next 3 events. A 3'x5' banner sponsorship is \$150 for each event. Please send suggestions and contacts to us!*

- **Continuing Concerns**

- o Suggestions for future programming, facilities, special events,
- o Community Service recommendations
- o Recommendations for Agenda – *please e-mail me!*

Enclosures:

RAC Minutes (blue)
Fall Brochure

Mutual Facilities and Sports Associations' meeting notes (yellow)
Recreation Monthly Reports May-August (Salmon)