

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 7, 2011**

The Recreation Advisory Committee held their re-organization meeting at the Pittsgrove Municipal Building on February 7, 2011.

Members present were Bruce Ricards, Pad Odenath, Deon Henry, Sam Amico and John Romano. Alternate members present were Mario Fucci, Demetrica Todd- Hunter, Gary Harbs and Paul Munson. Subcommittee members in attendance were Linda DuBois and Jeff Ridgway. Ken Martin and Grace Reaves-Garrett informed the secretary they would not be attending prior to the meeting.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ricards called the meeting to order at 8:00pm with salute to the flag and the reading of the Sunshine Law.

New Committee member Gary Harbs was introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE January 10, 2011 MEETING

On a motion made by Odenath and seconded by Amico, the aforementioned minutes were approved as submitted.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS:

PARK REQUESTS

DuBois questioned open ended request by the PSC. She suggested that more specific schedule be provided to avoid conflicts with other residents and groups. Ridgway said most conflicts arise during tournaments and not during normal recreational play. DuBois mentioned that there was a problem in the fall with PSC using fields scheduled for rest and using the lights during a scheduled movie night. Ridgway said the league does not always have practice schedules for each team in advance. Munson and Ridgway agreed that specific dates of use should be required when other facilities are being used at the park. DuBois said that that specific dates need to be specified and not just a blanket request for 2011. Todd-Hunter asked if a conditional approval could be issued. DuBois said the way request is worded prevents others from using the facilities without first being cleared by PSC. Ricards said he doesn't see how this request is any different than in the past years. Ricards agreed that scheduling be requested. Henry asked what the PSC season is and said the PMF only requests for the months needed not the entire year. Ricards said PSC season basically goes year round weather permitting. DuBois said the perception by others is that PSC is in control of the concession stand. Harbs said he has

also been given that impression that PSC is in control of the concession stand. Secretary told members that over the last couple of years PSC has been specific with what fields are needed for the various tournaments and it has alleviated conflicts with other groups that use the facility.

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Romano, park requests from Kennedy, Triple State Threat, Canion and PSC were all approved*.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

*Approval was with the stipulation that PSC and Triple State Threat both provide a detailed schedule to alleviate any scheduling conflicts.

Members were informed that the SJ Wheelman Club has sent a generous donation to the RAC. Members reviewed the correspondence that came with the donation and the secretary will send a thank you to the group.

OLD BUSINESS:

DAMAGE TO PSC EQUIPMENT

DuBois told members that PSPAC is still in possession of the equipment and it has remained clean.

DOG PARK @ GREEN BRANCH PARK

Ridgway told members nothing new to report on this matter.

BUDGET

DuBois told the committee that the budget is still being worked on.

PROBLEMS AT GREEN BRANCH PARK/LONG TERM PLANS FOR THE PARKS/ANIMAL ORDINANCE. DuBois is following up on the matter of getting a large dumpster in the vicinity of the concession stand during the busy months at the facility so trash does not build up over the weekend. Secretary told members the ice machine should be in place by the spring. She also told members due to the weather she has not had a chance to get together with Public Works to get the items in the concession stand labeled. None of the members were aware of any problems at the parks.

CHARGES FOR FACILITIES

There was nothing new to report on this matter.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Members (Munson, Odenath and Todd-Hunter) volunteered to be the sub-committee for community events. Amico was previously chosen to be the chairperson for this committee. Events and dates will be determined at March meeting. A sub-committee meeting will take place on March 7th @ 7:30pm.

PITTSGROVE DAY/EASTER EGG HUNT

DuBois said donations are coming in. All forms and information have been placed on the website and donation letters have been sent out. DuBois said tentative activities are being discussed and planning is continuing.

Amico said Easter Egg Hunt plans will start shortly.

NNO

Members (Ridgway, Romano and DuBois) volunteered to be the sub-committee for NNO. Fucci and Martin were previously chosen to be the chairperson and co chairperson for this committee. The secretary will also inform Public Works (Snyder and Meyers, Sr.) when the sub-committee meets. A sub-committee meeting will take place on March 7th @ 7:00pm.

BINGO

Henry told members they are having a good turnout for the event and things going very well.

There being no further business on a motion by Odenath and seconded by Amico, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Metzger, Secretary