

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 10, 2011**

The Recreation Advisory Committee held their re-organization meeting at the Pittsgrove Municipal Building on January 10, 2011.

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

Ms. Greta Ambrose-Evans was in the audience

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 members were introduced.

RE-ORGANIZATION 2011

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Martin, Ricards was nominated and accepted to serve as chairperson of the committee.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Odenath, Martin was nominated and accepted to serve as co-chairperson of the committee.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Odenath, Metzger was nominated and accepted to serve as secretary of the committee.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Committee changes and new members were introduced to the committee. DuBois told the committee that she spoke to Ralph Padilla and he thought he had informed the committee that his job commitments were not allowing him to attend the meetings and he would like to continue helping with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Meeting dates for 2011 and reorganization for 2012 were determined and will be advertised in designated newspapers.

The date of May 21st (rain date of May 22nd) and DuBois as chairperson had been previously approved for Pittsgrove Day.

On a motion by Martin and seconded by Amico, date of April 16th (rain date of April 17th) with Amico as chairperson and Romano as co-chairperson for the 2011 Easter Egg Hunt were approved.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

On a motion by Martin and seconded by Ricards, Amico as chairperson and Todd-Hunter as co-chairperson were chosen for Community Events.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Dates and event details will be determined at a future meeting.

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Ricards, date of August 3rd (rain date of August 4th) with Fucci as chairperson and Martin as co-chairperson were chosen for NNO.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Ricards took over the meeting as chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE December 6, 2010 MEETING

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

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

NEW BUSINESS:

NNO

Members reviewed the award letter from NATW regarding NNO 2010. Members told Martin and Fucci that they appreciated all of their hard work on this event.

PARK REQUESTS

On a motion by Martin and seconded by Odenath, park requests from Helms, Jackson and SJ Wheelmen were all approved.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

On a motion by Martin and seconded by Odenath, park request from Greta Ambroso-Evans was approved.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

The request for Ambroso-Evans field use was approved contingent upon insurance information being received and details of field use be worked out with Public Works.

OLD BUSINESS:

USE OF LIGHTED FIELDS

At the request of the Township Administrator members discussed when the lighted fields should be reopened for use. Members all agreed that this matter should be referred to Public Works and date determined by them.

DAMAGE TO PSC EQUIPMENT

DuBois told members that PSC and PSPAC representatives had a meeting and the equipment was cleaned and has remained clean. At the present time PSPAC has the equipment and is trying to repair another problem with the machine that they all know PSPAC is not responsible for. Members revisited the matter of all equipment not owned by Pittsgrove Township being removed from the facility. Martin said equipment not used for concession stand purposes should be removed but concession items should be allowed to remain in the facility. Martin told the committee again that shelves and cabinets need to be installed in the facility to help with storage problem. DuBois reminded members that no work can be done in the facility without approval from RAC and Township Committee. Ricards agreed with Martin that concession stand items should be allowed to remain in the facility. Munson asked if the Board of Health needs to be involved in any renovations to the facility. Martin suggested that an island be put in the center of the stand to help with storage issues. Romano said he would be willing to help with planning a layout of the facility since he has experience with that. Martin will coordinate a meeting with himself, Romano and Public Works. Secretary told members that as soon as the weather clears Public Works and herself are going to meet at the concession stand and clearly label all items owned by Pittsgrove Township.

DOG PARK @ GREEN BRANCH PARK

Ridgway told members pricing was obtained by Public Works for fencing and that information was forwarded to the benefactor and the project is still in the planning stages.

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 told members that Public Works has install the signs at Green Branch Park, Unity Park and in Norma neighborhoods. 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. Martin told members there have been no problems at Green Branch Park.

CHARGES FOR FACILITIES

Martin told members the matter with PWA has been resolved.

BINGO

Martin told members they are having a good turnout for the event and things going very well. He told members that Harry Snyder has been very helpful with the events.

There being no further business on a motion by Amico and seconded by Henry, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Metzger, Secretary