

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

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

Members present were Bruce Ricards, Ken Martin, Pat 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.

Ramona Pontelandolfo, Gary Smith (Economic Development Committee), Vicki Willis and Mike Milone (Pittsgrove Soccer Club) were in attendance.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE February 7, 2011 MEETING**

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

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FARMERS MARKET @ PITTSGROVE DAY**

Pontelandolfo and Smith were in attendance representing the Economic Development Committee. They presented the idea of having a farmers market at Pittsgrove Day. Smith said local farmers have expressed interest in this type of promotional activity. He said the idea is to have a common area for the agricultural community during Pittsgrove Day and if successful to possibly have a similar area during National Night Out. DuBois said it would not be a problem to put all the booths in the same area but all vendors are required to pay the registration fee. DuBois suggested a contact person for them to reach out to that has experience with farmers markets in other areas. Pontalandolfo said the committee was going to reach out to all the local farmers and give them all an opportunity to participate. Martin and Fucci said that National Night Out has been more information based than an opportunity to sell items. Ricards suggested possibly giving the farmers market their own separate area at the event. Members thanked Pontelandolfo and Smith for attending and presenting the idea.

## **PSC**

Willis and Milone were in attendance representing Pittsgrove Soccer Club to discuss pending issues. Ricards asked if the field number signs have been put in place and DuBois said they will be put in place soon. Willis told members she has not heard from PSPAC regarding the status of the PSC hot dog roller and she will contact Mr. Zuest directly regarding the matter. Willis also told members she is working to make sure there is no conflict with PMF on April 23<sup>rd</sup> when both groups have events scheduled. The new procedure for access to the concession stand was also discussed. Members thanked Willis and Milone for attending.

## **PARK REQUESTS**

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Odenath, approval was given for park requests from Elmer Ace's, Vega, Martin, Elmer Little League, Helms and PMF.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

\*Approval was with the stipulation that PMF, Elmer Little League and Elmer Ace's provide detailed schedules to alleviate any scheduling conflicts.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **DOG PARK @ GREEN BRANCH PARK**

Ridgway told members nothing new to report on this matter. Public Works is still getting quotes for the project.

## **BUDGET**

DuBois told the committee that the budget is still being worked on. Martin said he would like to see the concert night go ahead even without funding from the budget possibly with the support of sponsors. He said it attracted people to the park that normally don't go to the park and that is part of the reason the committee started the community events.

### **PROBLEMS AT GREEN BRANCH PARK/LONG TERM PLANS FOR THE PARKS/ANIMAL ORDINANCE.**

Secretary told members that the ice machine should be in place by the spring. She also told members that she is waiting to hear back from Public Works to schedule getting the items in the concession stand labeled. None of the members were aware of any problems at the parks. Milone (PSC) told members that unauthorized field use has already been observed and the past Sunday three fields were being used without authorization. PSC was instructed by the RAC to call the State Police when they observe such activities. The secretary will e-mail PSC the contact information for Trooper Cocking who is working with the committee. Martin said he is going to set up a meeting with Romano, Harry Snyder (Public Works) and himself to meet out at the concession stand to work on ideas for remodeling the facility. DuBois said that PSC needs to coordinate with Public Works to meet at the facility and get items they have stored out of the concession stand. Due to the new security system they will have to coordinate getting in with Public Works.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Members of the subcommittee had a meeting prior to the meeting and has scheduled tentative dates for upcoming movie events. Amico said they had also discussed organizing a movie night that would be geared to senior citizens. DuBois volunteered to do handle the free advertising for the upcoming events. Amico said a flyer will be distributed to the schools and local organizations to promote the events. The next subcommittee meeting will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm.

## **PITTSGROVE DAY/EASTER EGG HUNT**

DuBois said donations are coming in. All forms and information have been placed on the website and vendors are starting to come in. DuBois said tentative activities are being discussed. DuBois said she will need volunteers to help out the day of the event. She has reached out to and is encouraging the sporting teams to play games that day.

On a motion by Martin and seconded by Amico, approval for the expenditure of approximately \$6,000.00 for fireworks for Pittsgrove Day was approved.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Henry asked if food items will be limited to one vendor per type of item. He said in the past numerous vendors were allowed to sell the same items and because of this his group didn't make enough to make it worth all of the work involved in being out there all day. DuBois said she will try to follow up and make sure this doesn't happen but when applications come in last minute or all of their items are not listed it makes it very difficult.

On a motion by Amico and seconded by Martin, approval was given for DuBois to limit specialty items to one vendor each. Preference for particular items will be given based on who offered the item previously not just on a first come basis.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Amico said Easter Egg Hunt plans have started and the event is coming together.

**NNO**

Members of the sub-committee for NNO had a meeting and the event is starting to get organized. They are working on the fun activities for the event and fireworks vendor will be decided on at a later date. The next sub-committee meeting will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.

There being no further business on a motion by Amico and seconded by Odenath, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Metzger, Secretary