

Parks & Recreation Committee

September 23, 2008

7:30 PM

Chairperson: Steve Mosolansky Council Chambers

Minutes

In Attendance:

Steven Mosolansky, Chairperson
Linda Woshner, President
Connie Flasher, DAS
Lisa Blaney-Stewart
Leisl Klicker, Pool Manager

Sharon Helfrich, L/C Director
Tony Barbarino, DPW Supt.
Kathy Coder, Member
Mayor George Doscher

Steve Mosolansky, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Citizen Comment:

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

Library & Cultural:

- ❖ Mrs. Helfrich discussed and reviewed the Library's monthly reports and upcoming activities.
- ❖ She noted to the Committee that the Post-Gazette had an article on the Wii programs that the Library has in conjunction with the Senior Center and in the Library.
- ❖ Mrs. Helfrich requested for a Committee Member to be present at the Veteran's Day Event up at Bayne Park on November 11, 2008 at 11a.m. because she will be in King of Prussia for the Pennsylvania Library Association conference presenting a poster session about the intergenerational art program.
- ❖ She also said that she will be extending the Library's hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 5 p.m.
- ❖ Mrs. Helfrich noted the Library had received some donations for the Fall Festival.
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated the cost quote that they received to replace the Library windows is \$102,000.
 - He stated he would like to find out how much is left in the bond that was allocated to replace the windows in the Library.
 - Mr. Mosolansky seconded by Ms. Coder made a motion for the Solicitor to direct Mellon Bank to move \$100,000 into a separate fund that the Borough can access to pay for the windows replacement on the Library.
 - He stated if Mellon Bank does not allow for this change then the Borough can go to the Orphan's Court to ask them to force Mellon to make the change.

Bayne Park:

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

Swimming Pool:

- ❖ Ms. Klicker presented to the Committee her end of season report as well as an outline on how to improve the pool season next year.
 - She explained to the Committee on how she would improve the pool in the future such as hiring swim instructors separate than the lifeguards.
 - She further explained how to better run the pool.
 - Mr. Mosolansky stated that the worst thing that I heard was the lifeguards were overworked.
 - She stated she would coordinate the scheduling of the lifeguards differently to avoid them being overworked in the future.

- There was further discussion by the Committee about how to improve the pool for the next season.
- Ms. Klicker suggested selling goggles and Coast Guard certified lifejackets at the pool as a way to help enforce the rules about lifejackets as well as to bring in additional revenue.
- Ms. Klicker explained to the Committee how she handled the personnel issues that arose and what information she provided to the DAS for future season hiring purposes.
- She noted the concession stand area may need to be extended because there are issues with the space limitations.
- The DAS stated the total revenue for the pool was \$ 125,394 and the total expenses including payroll, food and pool maintenance was \$118,645.
- ❖ Ms. Blaney-Stewart seconded by K. Colder made a motion to pay \$200.00 to the Tidal Waves for the new sound system at the pool.
- ❖ Ms. Coder commended Ms. Klicker for the good job that she did for this year in managing the pool.
 - She stated she feels that she deserves the bonus that was promised to her.
 - Ms. Blaney-Stewart made a motion to pay Leisl Klicker \$1,000 as a bonus for the good job that she did at the pool this year.
 - Mrs. Coder asked if Leisl can be hired for the next year at this point.
 - Mr. Mosolansky stated that this job will be advertised in January and she will have to be re-hired on a yearly basis.

Memorial Park:

- ❖ Mr. Barbarino noted to the Committee that the garage at Memorial park will be torn down due to safety reasons.

Gillott Field:

- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated there was a request to use the field for a game in the fall.
 - There was discussion by the Committee.
 - Mr. Mosolansky stated he doesn't see a problem about using it in the fall but they would need to re-request for the usage of the field in the spring.
 - The Committee decided they would like to charge Pitt \$100.00 for the usage of Gillott Field per game.

Administration:

- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated that the Halloween parade will be on October 25, 2008.
 - There was a discussion about the Halloween Parade rain date location and time.
 - The Committee stated that if the event goes inside because of weather that means the Borough will not be involved due to organizational issues.
- ❖ The DAS stated she was in contact with Duquesne Light about the re-wiring of Lincoln Avenue for the holiday lights.
 - She stated they need to know how many poles, the locations of those poles, what type of work needs to be done, etc in order to determine whether or not they would help repair them.

Old Business:

- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated he has been talking to various PTO organizations about the running of the concession stand for the upcoming pool season.
 - He stated the Committee will have to determine what they would charge for the usage of the concession stand, if anything.
 - There was discussion about what equipment the Borough owns that is up at the concession stand.
 - He stated by having another organization run the concession stand the Borough may not lose money.

- There was discussion about whether the concession stand had lost money this year or not.
- Ms. Klicker stated that she believes the concession stand makes up a large portion of the pool's revenue.

New Business:

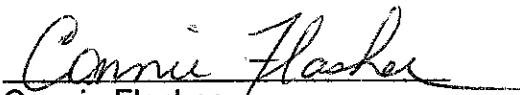
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated that he received information about timber harvesting in Memorial Park.
- ❖ He explained how the Borough could make 10% off the cost of the timber that was harvested.
 - There was discussion by the Committee.
 - Ms. Blaney-Stewart seconded by K. Coder made a motion to authorize Thomas D. Anundson to harvest timber at Memorial Park.
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated that Mr. Scisciani requested to use Bayne Park in October to hold public rally.
 - There was discussion by the Committee.
 - The Committee stated they authorize Mr. Scisciani to use Bayne Park to hold a public rally but if the event is held on a weekend or after hours they will not have the assistance of the Public Works Department as the overtime will not be authorized.
 - Mr. Mosolansky stated he will inform Mr. Scisciani of the Committee's decision.
- ❖ There was discussion by the Committee about the skate board event that was held in Bayne Park.
 - The DAS explained how the Borough will be placing forms on the web site for individuals to request authorization to use a Borough facility or venue.
 - Mrs. Coder explained how Mrs. Woshner wanted to develop a Marketing/Economic Development Steering Committee that will be compiled of Council Members, community organizations and some business owners.
 - She stated that there will be some type of criteria established on how events are to be coordinated with the Borough.
 - She stated she hopes that this will help eliminate some of these problems.

Citizen Comment:

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted


 Connie Flasher
 Secretary

Motions to be made:

- 1. Motion to pay \$200.00 to the Tidal Waves for the new sound system at the pool.**
- 2. Motion to pay Leisl Klicker \$1,000 as a bonus.**
- 3. Motion to authorize Thomas D. Anundson to harvest timber at Memorial Park.**