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The Conewago Township Parks and Recreation Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Conewago Township Municipal Building on Tuesday, December 18, 2007.

Parks and Recreation Board Members Attendance

Jason Parmer - Chairperson	present
Sherry Weaver – Vice Chairperson	present
Dan Tredinnick – Secretary	present
Laurie Rochat – Member	present
Jane Janeczek – Member	present

Others in Attendance

Lauren Zumbrun, RETTEW

OLD BUSINESS

- *Meeting Minutes* – The minutes from the October meeting were approved as prepared. The November meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was cancelled.
- *Bus Trip* – The bus trip was scheduled to take place on December 1st. There was no update available on the number of people who registered for the bus trip.
- *Newsletter* – The second township newsletter was sent to residents. In general, the parks and recreation board felt that the newsletter should contain more usable information than that which was included in this edition.
 - Sherry and Dan did not receive the newsletter in the mail, and there were no extra copies available in the township building.
 - Lauren will talk with Shirley or Norm to determine how the list of addresses is populated, to see if Sherry and Dan can be added to the list of recipients, and to see if extra copies can be made available at the township building.
- *Kreider Property Sketch Plan* – Jason asked if there had been a second submission by Toll Brothers for the Kreider Property. Lauren will check with Max Shradley, Township Engineer, and email a copy of the revised plan to the Parks and Recreation Board members.
- *DCED Grant and Fee in Lieu of Land Dedication monies* – Jason indicated that the township has received some money for fees in lieu of land dedication. The DCED grant that the township applied for to renovate the Danny Fisher Memorial Field is going through the review process.
 - The equipment for the sewer project will need to be moved prior to making improvements at the Danny Fisher Memorial Field.
 - The sewer project is expected to be completed around March or April of 2008, and the equipment should be moved upon completion of the project.

- *Parkland Acquisition or Lease* – Lauren reported that if the township were to apply for funding through DCNR for a property that they did not own, they would need to have at least a 25 year lease, with terms and conditions acceptable to DCNR. If the township is interested in pursuing a long term lease, they should contact Lori Kieffer Yeich, the Regional Recreation Advisor from DCNR to discuss the specific provisions.
 - Jason indicated that the land they are interested in is owned by the Milton Hershey School and Trust, and that they might not be interested in entering into a long term lease.
 - Laurie noted that it will take a while for the park to be completely developed, and if the township does not have a long term lease of the property, their efforts may be upset, should the owner take back control of the property.
 - The Parks and Recreation Board agreed that although a 25 year lease is the minimum acceptable to DCNR, the township should seek out a longer lease agreement.
 - Dan indicated that the land the township is interested in is in front of his house.
- *Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team Inquiry* – Jason indicated that he tried to contact Ed Cover regarding his inquiry into the potential for a girls fast pitch softball team in Conewago Township, and that Mr. Cover had not returned his call.
 - Dan was under the impression that Mr. Cover was to contact the girls softball association in the township and the Conewago Baseball Association. Dan is part of the softball association, and to his knowledge, Mr. Cover has not contacted either organization.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Dan Tredinnick appointed* – Dan Tredinnick was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board to fill the vacant secretarial position. Dan introduced himself and Jason gave him an overview of the Parks and Recreation Board. Lauren explained that she attends the Parks and Recreation Board meetings on behalf of RETTEW Associates, the appointed Township Engineer.
- *Camp Conewago* – Dan indicated that he is the PTO president, and as such, was wondering if the township would be interested in taking ownership of Camp Conewago, a 2 week day camp in the summer that is held at Conewago Elementary School. The township fully funds the program, which is coordinated by a volunteer and run by paid high school students, but the supporting funds and the program has always been under the ownership of the PTO. From an accounting standpoint, the PTO would like the township to receive recognition for their financial sponsorship, since they fund it and the PTO does not make a financial contribution.
 - Jason indicated that the township is looking to report items that are budgeted for parks and recreation type functions as coming out of a parks and recreation account, rather than the general account.
 - Laurie noted that the program has always been a PTO program, and although the program's current coordinator is a volunteer, the previous coordinator was paid.
 - A concern was raised as to who would be responsible for finding another coordinator, if the current coordinator resigns.
 - A concern was also raised as to whether the township would have to maintain liability insurance specifically for the program. The children that attend the camp go on bus trips and travel to different activities throughout the course of the camp.
 - The current coordinator, Robin Rowe, may come to the January meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to discuss this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Conewago Township Municipal Building.

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