

**Forest Hills Recreation Board (FHRB)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2011**

**Members in Attendance:** Barry Layton, Cheryl Finlay, Ed Galloway, Tony Odorisio, David Fink, Melissa Bell

**Members Absence:** Kim Hall, Oksana Linsuain, Kevin Patterson

**Other Attendees:** Steve Karas, Cindy Simm

**I. Welcome new member:**

Kevin Patterson was welcomed as an official new member of the FHRB although he was not in attendance.

**II. Minutes:**

The approval to accept the minutes from last meeting was moved by Finlay and seconded by Galloway.

**III. President's Report:**

Layton decided to inaugurate a President's report. He mentioned our discussion last month about fixing the lights that are out at the tennis courts; he subsequently heard that Jim Thielacker knew about this already and is planning on addressing as soon as the weather improves. Actually finding \$147,000+ to build new tennis courts is most likely out of the question. Finlay agreed to contact Linsuain to see what she knows about becoming a certified USTA tennis team in order to be eligible to receive matching funds for tennis repairs. There is work being done on Koch Park: fixing the fence around the old tennis courts, installing four new basketball hoops, and removing the old tennis nets/poles. Funds from the PA Emergency Management System were secured to help pay for this updates. A new dog area was designated in the Avenue L park. All dogs are required to be spade/neutered and on a leash. Owners must pick up the dogs' waste. This will be announced in the summer issue of the Tree City Times. Due to damage from the recent storm, a slide was destroyed in Bright Park; the Borough is looking into replacing this slide.

**IV. Swim Team Report:**

The swim team banner was just hung at the corner of Ardmore and Yost promoting the swim team. Registration is open with swimmers' applications starting to come in. The website is completely up-to-date and contains helpful information about joining the team, etc. Galloway continued to work with the Borough on obtaining three complete bids from local companies to install a new PA system at the pool. A recommendation was made to accept Swissvale Music's bid (the lowest). Council should approve this recommendation at the May 3 meeting so that the work can proceed. The

Borough is paying for the complete system (\$2550).

**V. Tennis Report:**

Since it's unlikely the Borough will receive \$147,000+ to build new courts, is there a Plan B? Jim Thielacker is investigating patching options to get through another tennis season. The Borough is seeking funds to resurface through matching grants possibly offered by Cong. Doyle and/or Sen. Costa. Matching grants are the best way to raise the necessary funds. Andrea Kennedy is in charge of tennis registrations.

**VI. Parks Report:**

Layton reported that all field permits are in, including Westinghouse (\$500).

**VII. Marketing and Events Director:**

Simm reported that the Forest Hills website won an award from the PA Borough of States in recognition of its design and informative features. The Borough will receive a plaque for this recognition. The pool fundraiser letter will be included in the summer TCT. Simm asked about whether a date was set for the adult Fall Fest? The board agreed that early November might be best so Simm will check the dates of availability and report back next month. To date, 36 membership plus pool passes have been sold which supports our desire to seek additional methods to raise funds to support the pool.

**VIII. Old Business:**

Reminder that in-person registration for summer programs is Saturday, May 7 at the Pool Lodge from 12-2pm. Families can sign-up to join the tennis and swim teams, synchronized swimming, and pick up their pool passes.

**IX. New Business:**

None.

**X. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Odorisio and seconded by Fink. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7 PM at the Borough Building.