

Minutes of the Forest Hills Recreation Board

March 3, 2008

Attendance: Andrea Kennedy, Keith Morse, Barry Layton, Jamie Glasser, Cheryl Finlay, Jim Cassidy, Lynn Cassidy

Minutes: The minutes were accepted (Morse/Finlay).

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$255.83.

Tennis Report: Mark Paull passed on information that the Junior Varsity team won the Club Fit 4 Life tournament.

Council Report: Andrea reported that Steve Karas will be the council liaison for the Recreation Board. Cindy Simm will act on Steve's behalf in the event he is unavailable.

Parks Report: Barry reported that he has received several requests for field permits from Forest Hills and Churchill baseball and soccer teams. He expects the permits will be sent out within the next month.

Marketing and Events Director's Report: Andrea reported that Cindy let her know that the recommended summer staff was approved by council and the letter agreements have been mailed out to the applicants.

The brick fund-raising project at the pool was also discussed. It was agreed that the project will be more beneficial for future brick sales if the project is started prior to the summer season at the pool. Locations for the placement of the bricks were also discussed. Possible locations include the grassy area next to the existing entrance walkway by the front gate, the flagpole area, and the walkway just inside the front gate towards the main lodge doors. Everyone agreed that we do not want to create another walkway, rather the arrangement should be an enhancement. It was also agreed that the April Recreation Board meeting should be held at the pool to check out the possible locations. Jim Thielacher from Public Works will be asked to attend so that some sort of time line can be set for the placement of the purchased bricks. Andrea will check with Cindy to see exactly how many bricks have been purchased thus far so a design can be considered.

Parks: The possibility of the dog park was discussed. Keith suggested the trails behind the Westinghouse Recreation Center. There was discussion about the possibility of an "on leash" trail to see if there is adequate interest to possibly extend the trail into a walking loop. The project could be a potential Eagle Scout project which will be discussed with Jimmy Thielacher. Other suggested areas for the dog park was Ryan Glen Park in Edgewood Acres.

Jamie brought up the issue of liability for any injuries suffered by people or animals in the parks in the event a dog park is approved. There was some question as to whether posted signage is enough protection for the borough from liability. Jamie is going to look into the County, the City of Pittsburgh, and other municipalities that currently have dog parks in their areas. She will ask how they operate the parks, as well as how they protect themselves from liability for injuries.

New Business: Lynn reported that Sarah Hyland is not going to accept the Assistant Manager position at the pool this summer because she will be taking classes and they may create a conflict of time with the position. It was recommended that James Finlay be offered the position. A motion was made to approve James as the Assistant Manager (Layton/Morse). All were in favor.

Keith brought up the issue of purchasing AED's for the Borough Building, the pool and possibly the Westinghouse Rec. Center. The purchase would be made in conjunction with the Volunteer Fire Department to receive a quantity discount on the purchase. A motion was made to make a recommendation to the borough to encourage the borough to purchase AED's for at least the pool and the Borough Building (Morse/Layton). All were in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2008 at the Forest Hills Swimming Pool.