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Minutes of the Meeting of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission

These minutes are subject to Commission approval.

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
7:15pm
Chester Town Hall, Conference Room A

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Members Present: Ivey Gianetti, Deron Grabel, Aaron Page, Elizabeth Williams, John Williams

Members Absent: Susan Hotkowski

Also in Attendance: Elizabeth Netsch, Dennis Tovey

Minutes of the Meeting on September 28, 2016

ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Audience of Citizens: John LaRue, Playground contractor

N/A

Director's Report: Fall Program Attendance - Field Hockey, American Red Cross Babysitter's Training and CPR/AED/First Aid, Camp Days, Parks

**VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR FIELD HOCKEY. 5 SESSIONS RAN. VALLEY COACHES SUPERVISED.

**OCTOBER RED CROSS HAD 12 PARTICIPANTS

**MARCH RED CROSS IS EXPECTED TO HAVE 14 PARTICIPANTS

**THERE WERE RECENTLY TWO CAMP DAYS AT CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHICH RESULTED IN 21 PARTICIPANTS ON THURSDAY AND 25 PARTICIPANTS ON FRIDAY. THERE WAS NICE WEATHER, HALF THE DAY WAS SPENT INSIDE AND HALF THE DAY WAS SPENT OUTSIDE. THE SUMMER CAMP STAFF RAN THE EVENT. THE NEXT SCHOOL VACATION CAMP DAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 8TH.

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****TOMORROW THERE IS A CPR CLASS (8 PARTICIPANTS) AND FIRST AID CLASS (7 PARTICIPANTS)**

****YOGA RECENTLY STARTED. THERE WAS A GREAT TURN OUT THAT RESULTED IN 21 PARTICIPANTS.**

THE CHESTER ROTARY DONATED \$1,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER CAMP, THANK YOU!

****A BEAUTIFUL EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IS IN NEED OF SOME REPAIR, LIZ PUT IN A WORK ORDER TO HAVE IT FIXED**

****THE BALLFIELD IN NORTH QUARTER PARK SHOULD BE CLOSED SINCE THERE IS NO UPKEEP OF THE FIELD. THE GAME PLAN IS TO PUT IN A WORK ORDER TO HAVE THE BACKSTOP DISMANTLED AND REMOVED.**

Denny Tovey Head of Library Building Committee

****THE LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEE (LBC) HAS COMPLETED THEIR WORK, FOR NOW. A RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTWOMEN AND THE BOARD OF FINANCE. THE LBC HAS NOT MET SINCE THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND CURRENTLY NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED.**

****QUESTION, IS THE OUTDOOR DESIGN SET IN STONE?**

ANSWER, NO HOWEVER THE PLAYSCAPE AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNED WITH A SQUARE FOOTAGE OF 75 X 100

****QUESTION, IF PLAYSCAPE ADVANCES THROUGH THE BOARD OF SELECTWOMEN AND THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND THE REST OF PLAN DOES NOT CAN WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLAYSCAPE?**

ANSWER, DENNEY INDICATED HE THOUGHT IT COULD. HOWEVER, WE MAY NEED TO REDO HOW THE ENTIRE DESIGN RELATES TO EACH "PIECE" OF THE DESIGN. THE PLAN CAN STILL BE FINESSED WITH THE HOPE THAT THE 'FORM' STAYS THE SAME.

****THE SHED HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE PLAN**

****THE NEXT PHASE IS DESIGN DEVELOPMENT**

****THE RESTROOMS FOR THE PARK WHEN THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED WILL BE PORT-O-POTTIES**

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Assessments -

N/A

October Chairman's Report:

**WE NEED TO REPLACE TWO MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE. IBBY AND SUE ARE LEAVING THE COMMITTEE. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE. WE WILL LOOK TO FILL THEIR SLOTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS TRY TO BE PRESENT AT MAJOR RECREATIONAL EVENTS. EXAMPLE, MARCH 5, 2017 MARCH MADNESS.

Meeting Schedule for 2017

THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 7:00 PM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DERON AND SECONDED BY ARRON TO ACCEPT THE 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Adjournment

AARON MOVED TO ADJOURN AND IBBY SECONDED. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Deron G. Grabel, Chester Parks & Recreation Commission Member