

Manheim Township Parks & Recreation Board

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2006

- I. The regular meeting of the Manheim Township Parks and Recreation Board was held in the Board Room of the Stauffer Mansion on Tuesday, July 5, 2006. Chairman Bohan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In addition to Chairman Bohan, board members present included DeSha, Gard, Keene, Laubach, Miller & Ross. Also present was Commissioner Keebler.
- II. **Review and Approval of June 6, 2006 Minutes** - Mr. Keene made the motion to approve the June 6, 2006 Minutes as written. Mrs. Ross seconded this motion.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Mr. Miller reported on the monthly reports that were included in the packet. Mr. Miller reviewed both income and expenditure report from the past month. He stated that pools are doing very well this year. Mr. Miller asked Director Lovelette if totals could be added to the expenditures on the monthly summary that he prepares.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**

Facilities Committee - Mr. Keene asked board members to comment on this month's park review (Pools). Mrs. Ross commented on her visits to both pools. She explained that Overlook Pool was much cleaner than Skyline. She reported that the shower floor at Overlook looked very dirty which was actually just the tan coating wearing off the floor through to the cement which makes the floor look dirty. She also stated that the chairs definitely needed replaced, as she noted that a lot of the chairs needed re-strapped. Director Lovelette explained that the chairs were no older than five years old. He continued stating that \$1,500 per pool is spent each year on new chairs. Mrs. Ross also commented that both of the pools are very old and will be in need some major updating in the future. Chairman Bohan stated that this has been an issue at both pools for years. Ms. DeSha shared her visit to Skyline, explaining that she even experienced a "rescue". Ms. DeSha explained that the pool was fairly clean and she was very impressed with the lifeguards. Mr. Gard stated that he had visited both pools and actually interviewed some of the patrons. Everyone had very favorable comments. The only negative comments he received were regarding parents dropping their children off at the pool (and them leaving) and also a comment received about use of flotation devices, which Mr. Gard stated were very minor issues. Vice-Chair Keene reported that the maintenance shed at Skyline had a splintered corner. Discussion was held regarding food service (Keares Group) closing before the pool closes. This is being addressed with the Keares Group. Mr. Miler suggested that one of the sand volleyball courts at Overlook be removed and replaced with a basketball court. Director Lovelette explained that this was proposed for the 2006 budget, but was removed. He also stated that it will be proposed again in 2007. Commissioner Keebler reported that she had visited both pools previously, and returned to Overlook to follow up on a few observations that she had made upon her first visit. Patrons of the skate park did not have helmets on and there was also a bicycle rider on the park. Commissioner Keebler also reported that the male Day Camp Counselors were sitting in chairs together at the pool with no shirts on (staff). Director Lovelette stated that he had spoken to Facilities Manager Slick regarding this issue, and that he will follow up again with her. Commissioner Keebler also reported that the parking lot at Overlook should be patrolled. At a recent visit, she witnessed three gentlemen sitting in their car. Director Lovelette explained that he will report this to the police, so they can focus on that parking area. Commissioner Keebler also stated that patrons need to be reminded that children need to wear swim diapers in the pool. Commissioner Keebler reported that her son was enrolled in Level 2 Swim Lessons at Skyline and the instructor Lauren (Albracht) was a terrific instructor. Vice-Chair Keene reported that during last weeks torrential rains, the following people "saved" the Overlook Rink floor from a flooding situation: Township Manager Jim Martin, Director Lovelette, Building Maintenance Manager Tom Smith, Grounds Maintenance Manager John DeKnikker, Custodial Crew John Wealand, Public Works Guy Bunteman, Rick Shank, John DeSantos and Parks Superintendent Lessig. A huge thank you to these gentlemen. Director Lovelette further explained that both pool pumps were flooded. So after finishing "saving the rink" at 4 AM, Tom Smith was back by 6 AM to repair both pumps, so pools could open on time (12 Noon). Mrs. Ross suggested that this information be forwarded for an article in the Township Newsletter. Vice-Chair Keene commented about the deteriorating backstops at Community Park that had been previously discussed at a prior meeting and funds proposed to be included in the 2007 budget.

IV. Committee Reports: (Cont'd.)

Facilities Committee: (Cont'd.)

Vice-Chair Keene had a meeting with Commissioner Downing and earlier today and he would like to suggest that the backstops be replaced as soon as possible (2006). Commissioner Downing stated at the meeting that possibly funding can be used out of the capital budget. Commissioner Keebler stated that it is very difficult to expend money from the current budget, unless something else is cut (out of the budget). Vice-Chair Keene requested that Commissioner Keebler meet with Commissioner Downing to discuss this issue. Commissioner Keebler questioned whether these two backstops were the worst for repair, as if these are replaced/repared, others in the Township will need to be replaced/repared as well. Director Lovelette explained that there were three others in the Parks system that needed repaired, but were not as bad as the ones up at Community Park. Mrs. Ross stated that if it is a safety issue, then it should be taken care of as soon as possible. Commissioner Keebler asked Director Lovelette if the budget could be looked at to see if there were funds available. Director Lovelette stated that it can be reviewed, but he doubted there was an "extra" \$16,000 for this repair. Vice-Chair Keene stated that the following parks will be reviewed for report at next month's meeting: Reidenbaugh, Bucher, and Municipal Parks. Vice-Chair Keene explained that the only park left to review would be Landis Woods, which can be reviewed next month and suggested that the Board meeting be held at the Boettcher House (Landis Woods) for September (9/5). Mrs. Ross reported there was rust on the pavement (under the snack court). Director Lovelette stated that he will check on this. Mr. Miller suggested that a picnic table be installed at the picnic grove (outside the pool fence) at Overlook. Mrs. Ross stated that the golf maintenance facility building displayed mold/mildew on the building. Director Lovelette explained that a joint golf/park maintenance facility be built.

Personnel Committee – Mr. Gard had no report.

Program Committee – Mr. Miller had no report.

Public Relations Committee – Mr. Laubach had no report.

Finance Committee – No further report.

V. Old Business

Comprehensive Plan Status Update:

Overlook Community Foundation Report – Chairman Bohan reported that the Minutes for the last meeting were included in the package. Commissioner Keebler asked what happened at the meeting. Director Lovelette explained that Kaye Pulkrabek spoke again this month to ensure that her concerns would be included in the meeting minutes (as she spoke at the meeting in June, however, there was no "actual" meeting due to no quorum, so no minutes were published). Director Lovelette further explained that her views/concerns differ from other guests that attend the meetings (O.W.L.S group). Commissioner Keebler asked if the confrontation can be moved from the Community Campus property. Mrs. Ross stated that the School Board or School District has no affiliation with the O.W.L.S. group. Chairman Bohan stated that the format of these meetings should be changed. Rather than public input/questioning interrupting the meeting, public comment(s) should be restricted until the end of the meeting. This had been previously suggested by Sam Dodson (previous P & R School Board representative). Commissioner Keebler stated that she heard that there was "aggressiveness" that occurred at the meeting. Director Lovelette stated that there was no aggressive behavior represented by any of the board members. Chairman Bohan explained Mrs. Ross stated that she is going to ask Superintendent Singer to issue some kind of statement stating that the District is not affiliated with the O.W.L.S. group. Mrs. Ross also requested that a copy of the Foundation Minutes be e-mailed to her.

Mr. Miller asked what Dexter Frey relationship was to the Mayer House. Director Lovelette explained that Dexter Frey was commissioned by Jim Heinly and Bill Schwartz (owners of the house) to disassemble the contents of the house. It was then relocated and now is owned by the Manheim Township Historical Society.

Director Lovelette reported on the status of the Barn. He explained that there have been two (2) L & I (Labor & Industry) inspections and there are still issues with it. The Mini-Golf part of the barn is operational. Director Lovelette reported on the landscaping issue on the property.

WebTrac Update – Director Lovelette reported that WebTrac is finally working. Staff is currently working on choosing a style sheet and program configurations, testing in anticipation that it will go “live” by the winter registration.

Pools Update - Director Lovelette stated that there was no additional report, other than the report that was included in the package.

Overlook Falls – Director Lovelette reported that statistical information was included within the packet. Director Lovelette reported on an incident that happened last weekend (alcohol/harassment). Promo nights at the mini-golf course were discussed.

Women's Roller Derby - Director Lovelette reported that two (2) meetings has been held with this group since their presentation to the Board last month. We have received a copy of their rules and regulations as well as their rink layout. Director Lovelette explained that there would be one minor adjustment to our schedule that we would have to make in order to accommodate this group. They are proposing practices for Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evening practices (2 hours). They also have proposed that there will be ten (10) bouts per year. Negotiations are continuing in anticipation of a September start.

VI. New Business

Board Meeting Location - Commissioner Keebler reported that a complaint had been received regarding the Parks & Recreation Board meetings not being handicapped accessible. She discussed this with Director Lovelette and it was decided that the meeting be moved to the lower level (Blue Room). Commissioner Keebler further explained that the relocation was relayed to the complainant and this relocation was not acceptable either. The Commissioners recommended that the meetings be moved to the Municipal Office. Director Lovelette/Chairman Bohan suggested that the meetings be relocated to the 1st Floor of the Carriage House. Commissioner Keebler will discuss this with the Commissioners. Director Lovelette commented that the benches and trash receptacles that have been installed at the barn have a chip and tail design. Someone looked at the benches and said that the design looks like swastikas. Chairman Bohan stated that once the relocation destination was decided, a Legal Notice will be published.

Board Picnic – Discussion was held on the date and location of this annual event. It was decided that this event will be held on Wednesday, Aug 23 to include golf, mini-golf and pool activities prior to the picnic dinner (@ 6 PM). Discussion was held on the location of this year's event. Historically, it has been held at the Sand Trap. Director Lovelette will research having the event at the barn.

Correspondence - None.

VII. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Keebler reported on the High project (shopping mall by Toy's R Us on Harrisburg Pike). Mrs. Ross shared that rumor has it that the fields owned by F and M are for sale. She suggested that if they are, they should be purchased by the Township.

VIII. School Board Report – Mrs. Ross reported that there will be a 4.5 % tax increase. Mrs. Ross shared some photos of the new turf field. Mrs. Ross also reported on the status of the renovation progress.

IX. Museum Board Report – Mr. Keene announced that there will be a jazz musical group on the patio this Sunday. He also reported that there are, currently, 38 artists registered for the Landis Woods Art Show.

X. **Director's Report** - Enclosed.

XI. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorri A. Haney