



## **Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Municipal Building Meeting Room C**

Attended by: Board members Hugh Beal, Patrick Eberz, David Franklin, Susana Montoya, Bill Moorhead, Bruce Parry and John Vogel. Also present were Commissioner Kelly Fraasch and Director of Recreation, David Donnellan.

### I. Election of Chair

John Vogel was elected as Chair.

### II. Election of Vice Chair

Susana Montoya was elected as Vice Chair.

### III. Approval of the December 4, 2012 Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### IV. Citizen Comments

Several residents spoke in favor of allowing dogs in Williamsburg Park. Debi Tongel of Sleepy Hollow Road indicated that she had contacted the Commission and was advised that the Parks Advisory Board would discuss this issue. She stated that she had gathered signatures for a petition in favor of allowing dogs in the park. She further stated that she did not understand why dogs were permitted in other parks, and requested that dogs be permitted in Williamsburg as well.

Cindy Kelley from Abington Drive stated that several parks have signage that state or imply dogs are permitted in the park which contradicts Chapter XI of the Municipal Code which only permits dogs on a leash in Bird Park and Robb Hollow Park. She stated that the group was requesting that dogs be permitted on a leash as in other parks.

Bruce Parry stated he was concerned about some pet owners that would not obey the rules to leash and clean up after their pet.

Kelley Fraasch stated the Commission received two emails opposed to allowing dogs in Williamsburg Park, and that those individuals were encouraged to come to the meeting.

The board recommended amending the Municipal Code, Chapter XI Rules and Regulations, §102.4 to include Williamsburg Park as an exception to the prohibition of domesticated animals in parks.

Joe Polk of Salem Drive stated he was attending the meeting to ask that a tree be removed from Mt. Lebanon Park due to its location in the path of sledding in the park. He distributed photos of the tree and articles on two recent sledding deaths.

In response to this request, the board requested that municipal staff report back at the next meeting on the feasibility of moving, or removing the spruce tree at the base of the slope in Main Park between Morgan Drive and Dixon Field.

#### V. Request to Permit Dogs in Williamsburg Park

This topic was covered during public comments.

#### VI. Recreation Bond Issue Update

Mr. Donnellan reported that the Commission directed municipal staff to proceed with developing specifications for improvements to holes 4 and 5 at the golf course including: contouring, tee and cart path improvements.

He also indicated that the Commission authorized staff to award a contract for professional services to EPM Architecture of Bradford Woods, PA for the Swimming Pool Renovation Project. He reported that EPM is led by Mark Edelmann, and they are very experienced in civic projects, and have worked on many projects in the area including projects for USC and Bethel Park. He also reported that EPM will be working with an aquatic consulting firm called Wade Associates. He indicated the design process would begin shortly and would include input from the public.

#### VII. Park Projects Update

Mr. Donnellan reported that the tennis center sidewalk project is underway. He said work will resume when the weather is more conducive. He stated the engraved bricks were received for Highland Terrace Park, and that work will resume on the remaining park projects in the spring.

Kelly Fraasch suggested that the board review and recommend park projects at the next meeting. John Vogel asked David Donnellan to put it on the agenda.

#### VIII. Robb Hollow Project Options

Mr. Donnellan stated that we are still waiting for a response from DCNR on options for Robb Hollow Park.

Kelly Fraasch stated that a Boy Scout is working with Tom Kelley to review recommendations for the fire pit.

## IX. Sports Advisory Board

David Donnellan reminded the board that Dave Franklin had chosen not to accept the board's nomination to the Sports Advisory Board; therefore, the board would need to recommend another nominee.

John Vogel asked Mr. Franklin if he would reconsider, and upon further consideration, Mr. Franklin agreed to accept the board's nomination.

## X. New Business

Kelly Fraasch announced that the Commission had approved a deer survey for the community and hoped to have it conducted in February.

## XI. Announcements

There were no announcements made.

## XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.