

April 21, 2011

To: Bob King, Chairman, Mt. Airy Board of P&R
From: Pat Ronan, Secretary

Subject: MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2011 MEETING OF THE MT. AIRY BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION HELD AT TOWN HALL.

Attendance: Pat Ronan, Bob King, Drew Heck, David Blais, Patty Williamson, Drew Heck, Larry Hushour, Steve Adams

Absent: Steve Mullinix, Tucker Lazarus.
Press: Michelle Cook, Mt. Airy Messenger
Guests: Mary Hushour
Staff: Mary VanMetre

--Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

--The minutes for the March meeting were approved with no corrections.

Windy Ridge Master Plan

No new updates.

Councilman David Blais' Report

The Town recently received a \$23,571 reimbursement from the State for the Watkins Park bathroom facility. That will likely be put back into the "fee in lieu" account to replenish what was taken out.

David will talk to Mark Moxley to have someone from the Town out to operate the Bobcat for Matt Hood for the Eagle Scout project.

There has been talk about possibly putting a fence around the playground at Prospect Park to protect the children from going into the pond, however, the Board informally expressed its disagreement with putting up any such fence.

Steve Mullinix Report

Steve was not present. However, he told David Blais that the Town staff will only have to mow the actual parks instead of some of the other facilities, which should make the mowing of the parks go much better.

Harrison-Leishear

Nothing new to report.

Rails to Trails

David is working hard on securing easements.

It was approved by motion that we would recommend use of "fee in lieu" funds to pay the \$3,950 to have the re-appraisals necessary as a result of some of the recent changes.

Dog Park Update (Larry Hushour)

The Pet Loft is putting fliers into the bags of customers. We had 18 people sign up today. We are doing well with money collected so far. The Civil Air Patrol is working on getting approval for the race to cross Main Street at the fire house. We've got a handful of sponsors.

Boy Scout Troop 460 still wants the old toilets that come out of Watkins Park. David Blais said they can have them, but not until County approval is given for the new facility. Larry wanted to make sure they do not get thrown away inadvertently.

Bob King (Chairman) Report

Eagle Scout Projects: Larry Hushour reported that Daniel Rivera is still behind in completing the project around the Watkins Park sign, so Larry will contact the Scout Master to push him along.

Rim Replacements

It was agreed by motion that we would pay \$210 for the model 8800 Endurance Goal and Net for six rims, with nets, for a total of \$1,260 (plus shipping) from Middletown Sportsland, Inc. The funds would come from the account for Park Improvement, Small Equipment.

Movie Equipment Trailer

Steve Adams looked at several trailers – the used one and the smaller one at Lowe's and others. His opinion is that the smaller trailer will fit all of the equipment and be easier to tow, however there's no side door as with the larger trailer and you'd need to lift and manhandle the screen into position inside the trailer.

Drew Heck found the 5x8 Homesteader Fury, which appears to be the best suited trailer for our use. Steve thinks this is exactly what we want. The price is \$1,895, which is under the amount already approved for the trailer. Patty Williamson moved that we purchase the Homesteader Fury trailer, which was approved unanimously. David Blais will contact Barney to get the trailer purchased.

Movie Nights

Bob King met with the EDC about signage/advertising for movie nights. He showed us a proposed design for a banner as well as postcards that would include all of the movie night dates. There would also be a banner with a very limited message of just movie night and the website. Bob discussed the several places that the movie night information will be posted. There will also be a movie shown at Camp Night on August 13.

Ellie Bondie wants to show movies downtown on July 22, September 9 (and December 2, tentative). Agreed that September 16 will be a movie night for Wildwood Park for the seniors. The Twin Ridge movie night is May 20.

David Blais will check on "Glory" for the September 9 showing downtown.

"Ferris Bueller" will be August 5 to protect the ability to use the license. We will let the EDC/MAMSA and Lorien pick the movies for their nights. Civil War movie for September 9. There will be cartoons for July 22.

The final movie schedule agreed upon is as follows:

July 22: Cartoons to be selected by EDC
August 5: Ferris Bueller
August 13: National Treasure (Camp Night)
August 19: The Outsiders
September 9: Civil War movie selected by EDC
September 16: Lorien to choose for seniors in Wildwood Park
September 23: Talladega Nights

One Banner, 40 yard signs, and 5,000 postcards would cost us approximately \$1,000.
Motion to approve these costs/expenditures was approved unanimously.

Moving the 9/11 Memorial to Pine Grove

David Blais spoke to Ben Gue and learned that the stone was purchased by Frank Johnson, personally, but it is unclear whether it was formally donated to the Town. Ben Gue confirmed with Frank Johnson that the stone can be moved to Pine Grove. Agreed we will draft a letter requesting a formal donation from Mr. Johnson of the stone to the Town.

Mary VanMetre received a call from the American Cancer Society who wanted to do a Breast Cancer Walk in Watkins Park on a weekend day in October. They would want to put up three tents around the trail for the event. They would be there no more than three hours and it would be early morning. It was agreed Mary would continue the discussions to get more information before any final approval will be given.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.