

Pocono Area Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2010

Meeting called to order – 7:00 PM

In attendance:

Ron Taylor – Barrett Township

Gene Yacuboski – Barrett Township

Charlene Barry – Barrett Township

Chairperson, Shelli Angle – Borough of Mount Pocono

Mike Stirr – Barrett Township

Vice Chairperson, Wendy Swiderski – Paradise Township

Mike Oser – Borough of Mount Pocono

Ernie Rath – Borough of Mount Pocono

Order of Business – Disc Golf

There was a great deal of discussion on the prospect of having an eighteen hole disc golf course at Skywood Park. A presentation to the Commission was highlighted by Michael Solt of Jim Thorpe, Pat Luchowski of East Stroudsburg, Tommy Wilson of Cresco and Brandon DeBellis from Reeders. The PARC Commissioners agreed to discuss the proposal in more depth with question from the Commission dealing with costs associated with the equipment, installation, maintenance and public use. The Commissions believe the idea to be a good one. Commissioner Wendy did question ways to offset the expenses to start the course. The Commissioners agreed to discuss the idea more at the next meeting.

Order of Business – Dog Park Alliance

Several persons involved with placing and promoting a dog park at Skywood Park presented their idea to PARC. After much discussion involving dog parks, the Commission decided to proceed with the concept and directed Commissioner Mike Oser to meet with the persons involved and mark areas for the proposed fenced-in dog park runs. More discussion on the dog park proposal was scheduled for the May meeting. Regarding the dog park, Shelli was going to meet with the PARC attorney and discuss some potential issues.

Order of business – Move to accept the minutes from March 26, 2010

Moved by Mike Stirr and seconded by Ron Taylor – approved with Louise's email on Seven Pines added.

Order of business – Move to accept the treasurer's report

There was discussion of:

- a. McLane and Associates final billing;
- b. Grant money from State for Skywood from DCNR;
- c. Skywood grant money from Monroe County Open Space
- d. Per capital billing to be presented to the municipalities.

Wendy moved to accept; Mike S. seconded. Motion carried.

Order of business:

Skywood Park – Mike S. advised that Barrett Township personnel talked with Paradise Township personnel regarding boulders, stumps, brush and etc to be removed during the fall season.

Discussion was also held on the millings that belong to Paradise Township stored at Pocono Gardens and using some of those millings for the parking lot at Skywood and also for the sledding hill berm.

Louise will question Paradise Township if PARC can use some for the Parking lot at Skywood.

Ron T. questioned the use of Seven Pines for a Dog Park and Disk Golf Park.

Seven Pines:

Chuck Molinari (sp?) submitted the insurance certificate for the men's league adult softball. There was discussion if the fields could be used. Wendy advised the Little League will not use the fields until certain items are installed as per their policy and procedure.

Charlene questioned the NPDES permit regarding the parking at Seven Pines.

Charlie Unganst, the Paradise Township engineer, received comments from the Monroe County Conservation District. Louise will provide more information on the details by email.

Charlene brought up the \$90,500.00 grant and some of the specifics of the grant issuance. Rick Scrudato advised that Barrett Township will take the lead in the grant as there must be money spent first then the grant money is returned for the expenditures. The Grant is an LSA grant and that is a reimbursable grant. Mike S. questioned if it is partial payments?

Gene advised PARC concentrate on the Seven Pines fields only.

There was more discussion on the grant money in that the money takes time to be reimbursed. It was also stated that some of the work noted in the grant was already done. Will PARC be reimbursed for that work? Ron T. advised that the equipment used in the park should be very good.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10PM by Louise and seconded by Gene. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Mike Oser