

muddy area around them during the season. Ms. Elliott reported that the Township is still working on permitting for Sprogels Run Park nature trail and also that Public Works has cleared the path of debris.

C. Joint Parks & Recreation Board Report

Patty Bleakley reported she was unable to attend this month's meeting, but did receive the information from another member. A main topic of conversation was the desire to have a basketball program run throughout the year for 3rd through 8th grade age groups.

D. Events Report

- Easter Egg Hunt – Ms. Elliot and Jen Corley reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. B101 attended with their Mascot “Buzzbee” and Coventry Christian Future Business Leaders of America staff advisor Brian Patrick attended with four student volunteers. One of them volunteered as the Easter Bunny.
- Bike Rodeo – Officer Deisinger is running a bike rodeo for the area youth. Mrs. Corley said the event will touch on safety issues, the rules of the road and also have helmet giveaways. The main goal is to address the safety issues and promote helmet use.
- Summer Event Kickoff – This event is still in the planning stages. The date is finalized for Saturday, June 14, 2008 7:30 am to 3 or 4 pm at Sanatoga Park.
- Concerts – last open concert date, August 3, 2008, has been scheduled. Flamin’ Dick and the Hot Rods are going to play.
- Movies – The three choices for movies have been confirmed with Swank Motion Pictures. All are available and we have also confirmed with the projector operator for our dates.

Sponsorship letters went out Monday, March 24, 2008. Ms. Elliott will inform the Board of the response.

E. Grants Report

- School District Property – The application for the Master Site Plan Grant for this park will be submitted by the end of April. The court granted the School District the right to sell the property and we must wait out the 30 day appeals period. Settlement is tentatively set for the end of April. Ms. Elliott polled the Board for their opinion on a naming contest for the School District Property. The general consensus of the Board was to advertise for suggestions to be sent in by the public and they will vote on the submissions. Mr. Wood commented that he was approached by a resident about a rumor that there was going to be an indoor facility on this property. Ms. Elliott replied that there has been no discussion about placing a building on that property.
- Open Space Board Presentation – The Bateman-Romer tract and the Reninger tract will be presented at the County Open Space Board at the end of April. There is a signed agreement of sale on Bateman-Romer. Ms. Elliott reported that we are working on the details for a third property.
- KaBOOM! Playground – Ms. Elliott reported that the playground grant went to Collegeville.

- Snell & Norton Park – Ms. Elliott said she is planning on beginning this project in late summer to early fall to capitalize on volunteer participation and public meetings. A steering committee will be formed for this project.

F. Planning Studies Report

Ms. Elliott reported that draft copies of both the Community Revitalization Plan and the Sanatoga Interchange Study are on the Township website and in the Township office for public review. The Community Revitalization Plan is the final draft and we are in the public comment period which ends April 15. The Sanatoga Interchange Study is a preliminary draft and we are also accepting public comments until the end of April.

G. Website Report

Ms. Elliott and Mrs. Corley reported they developed a new feature for the Parks & Rec website. There is a new parks and recreation photo gallery which has gallery for each individual event throughout the year. The Rules and Regulations have been updated along with open space information. There is also an updated Facility Use Permit along with a concise map of Gerald Richards Park.

H. Sports Organization Meeting Re-Cap

There was discussion about the Sports Organization Meeting in March. All agreed that communication will enable Parks & Rec to better organize, schedule and develop facilities. The next meeting is expected to be scheduled for the first or second week in June.

Unfinished Business – Ready for Action

There was no business to discuss.

Unfinished Business – Not Ready for Action

A. Strategic Plan

The Parks & Recreation Satisfaction Survey information is being used for other projects. The Parks & Recreation Ordinance has been adopted and the Field scheduling request has been sent to the local sports organizations and is now being used. We have also implemented a system to address any service requests for the park facilities.

Ms. Elliott reported that there are several items that are in progress. The Vendor Permit is under legal review and the Park Facilities Checklist is being refined. She reported she is composing a draft of the Field and Facility Sponsorship request as well as revising the Sports Organization Memorandum of Understanding. The Field and Facility Inventory is partially complete. A survey is being developed to send to all area sports organizations for input on their current and future needs. Mrs. Corley is developing the list for distribution. Lastly, the Public Works Inventory has not yet been started.

New Business

There is no new business to discuss.

Comments

Tom Troutman questioned the Park & Rec ordinances with regard to dogs on leashes. He wanted to know if the ordinances will be posted in the park so residents are aware of the rules and regulations. Ms. Elliott replied that when the kiosks are donated from Montgomery County Park Department, the ordinance and rules will be posted. Mr. Troutman also wanted to know if residents were allowed to distribute handouts in the park as well. He would like confirmation on where the permission comes from.

Mr. Troutman also wanted to let the Board know that there was once a handshake agreement with Mr. Kurtz that sold the Township the land that encompasses Gerald Richards Park to NOT have lights at the park. Mr. Kurtz has passed away and Mr. Troutman asked his heirs if they mind the Township providing lights for the sports organizations. They do not mind.

Mrs. Bleakley would like to have the Board look into establishing a light ordinance for the parks. Rolling Hills would have to be consulted because of the proximity to the fields. Mrs. Bleakley also said there are a few clubs in neighboring Townships that have lighted fields. Mr. Wood stated that this is an item that is on the back burner with the Soccer Club as the fields are already used too much. Once lighting is established the fields would be used too much in the fall and the repair in the spring would be a more difficult task. Mrs. Bleakley asked about the developers establishing all purpose fields in the new communities. Ms. Elliott stated that there is only one community proposing this and the construction of this field is still a long time away.

Mr. Tony Doyle was in the audience and requested a moment to comment. He thinks that Parks & Rec is one of the most important Boards that the Township has. He would like to see the Board members attend their reinstatement meetings at the Board of Commissioners in the future because he thinks these Board members need to be recognized for the good work they do.

With there being no further comments or business to discuss, a motion was made at 8:03 p.m. by Rich Wood to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tom Troutman and carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

The next meeting is Monday, April 28, 2008.