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Minutes

Community Center Complex Advisory Board

July 16, 2019

6:30pm

- 1) Attendance – Heather Melck, Greg Waks, Tony Hamaday, (new township manager), Hal Lichtman, Terry Stevens, Evelyn Ankers, Deena Newman, Paul Kubler, Chris Levy
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of June 18th minutes – Chris motioned; Deena seconded. Approved
- 4) Staff Report
 - a) Roof update
 - i) BOS leaning toward putting roof project out to bid at end of the year with 2 different variables
 - (1) Community center shut down other than weight room and lower level rooms (senior center shut down)
 - (a) Faster and cheaper except for losses in rentals
 - (b) Plymouth shuts down for a week
 - (c) Came up last year and there was hesitancy to close down
 - (d) To start in April and be done before pool season in between P&R programming seasons
 - (e) Have to shut down lower parking lot
 - (2) Staying open with limited court access and in phases, track open
 - (a) Would take longer but be less inconvenient
 - ii) Any additional passholder ideas - TBD
 - b) Passholder update
 - i) Pool –
 - (1) Health inspection – 0 violations
 - (2) Exceeded YTD projection of \$182,750

- (3) Revenue YTD \$184,543
- (4) August pricing rolling out and expect increase
 - (a) Get suggestion from P&R department (not board) and they roll it out
 - (b) 60% off
 - (c) Will roll it out with handball Saturday
 - (d) Have been telling people to wait until August 1st
- (5) Pool members YTD: 2,353
- (6) 2018 YTD \$162,433
- (7) Last year 2,160
- ii) Community Center
 - (1) 2,620 community center passholders
 - (2) YTD rev \$255,666
 - (3) Last year \$197,876
- c) Pool feasibility study
 - i) Phillips Donovan
 - (1) Anne Toole offered great insight into how to gather information from community, creative ways that they can draw the community out and make it fun to participate.
 - (2) They wanted to get rid of 50m pool
 - (3) Stressed the importance of statistically relevant survey, but Greg Waks doesn't believe the township will fund another
 - ii) Silor Drury
 - (1) Like that Phil Brady, Certified Aquatics Director of Plymouth, is a local and was a member of the former pool growing up
 - (a) His role would not be community-facing
 - (b) Claimed that his current role would not be a conflict, Heather agrees
 - (c) Has worked with Silor Drury on other projects
 - (d) Wanted to change the pool shape
 - (2) Sent e-mail that, if chosen today, would set up a table at the pool as early as Thursday
 - iii) MKSD
 - (1) Women-owned Enterprise
 - (2) Heather: Counsilman-Hunsaker is the "gold standard, only one trusted by Red Cross
 - (a) Evelyn - Will that make them more expensive?
 - (b) Hal - No, they have to stay competitive
 - (c) Evelyn - They were very down to earth
 - (d) Karen - They will be compelled to protect that reputation and do a great job
 - (3) Showed rendering of a previous pool design that might work on our property, which helped us see possibility
 - (4) Downplayed the difficulty of community involvement, but seemed to have similar attendance numbers
 - iv) Alternative sites
 - (1) Originally, when voting for/against feasibility study, alternate sites was part of the scope and now Hal says it is not
 - (2) When was that decision made
 - (3) Can we verify that?
 - (a) Yes, Hal will confirm

- (4) Even if part of scope, firm is irrelevant
 - (a) Whoever is chosen will be managed to deliver scope determined
 - (b) Any firm will choose a logical civil engineering firm
 - v) Indoor possibilities
 - (1) Rumor is middle school pool will be filled in
 - (a) Will we need more indoor alternatives?
 - (2) Willow Grove added “bubble” over their outdoor pool to make it inside
 - vi) Vote: Unanimous vote for MKSD
- 5) Board of Supervisors Liaison Report – Greg left early
- 6) Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report
 - a) Listened to Crow Creek Trail presentation
 - i) Drainage concerns
 - ii) Gave approval for testing of samples
 - iii) ECDC Joe Brophy
 - (1) ECDC Board approved a smaller committee to evaluate the land around the river that is unclaimed
 - (2) 5 acres is township’s
 - (3) 70 acres is unclaimed
 - (4) Access is the issue
 - (5) Opportunity if they can make progress
 - (6) Lawyers already involved; ECDC has been working on this for a while
 - b) Researching bat houses
 - i) Reach out Penn state for info on parameters
 - ii) Has to face a certain way, and be within a certain distance of water
 - iii) Determine best placement
 - c) One court was pickleball at Bob White
 - i) Signage up now
 - ii) They were still there last checked
- 7) Senior Center Representative Liaison Report
 - a) Wants to know how much maintenance/custodian’s time the senior center gets
 - b) Patio used to have sealant in cracks and weeds are beyond senior’s ability to take care of
 - i) Heather: Vinegar, Epson salts and dawn works for the pool
 - ii) Custodian was using RoundUp
 - c) Old umbrella not up – Paul will follow up with Sudha
 - i) Chris – someone wanted to know where seniors’ umbrellas are
 - ii) One old one is in the kitchen. No one put it up.
 - iii) Got 6 with BCA grant
 - iv) Weeds at senior center
 - (1) Tony will send someone out
 - (2) Look into umbrellas
 - (3) May not have been purchased yet
 - (a) GlennAnne is out
 - (b) Need to get them for the seniors
 - (c) Not sure the protocol for assigning senior center projects
 - d) Paul – sent info to Dick about having a PECO presentation for saving money on electric

- i) Sharon Brusca gets things done
- ii) Terry will have her follow up with Paul
- iii) PECO has to spend the money
- iv) All they have to do is sign up
- e) Composter is working
 - i) People can donate/bring coffee grounds

8) Old Business

- a) Heather: Woman was unhappy about chairs

9) New Business

- a) Red cross certification
 - (1) 2 hours at home
 - (2) 1.5 hours
 - (3) Heather is stuck for hours; will run out by November
 - (4) She will be running a class in January