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Community Center Complex Advisory Board

September 17, 2019 7:30pm

MINUTES

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FIRM OF:
HAMBURG, RUBIN, MULLIN,
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- 1) Attendance – Paul Kubler, Chris Levy, Sharon Davis, Greg Waks, Deena Newman, Terry Stevens, Karen Huller, Paul Salamy, Sudha Suryadevara
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of August 20th minutes – Approved
- 4) Staff Report
 - a. Pool feasibility study
 - i. Came in over budget (\$56K)
 - ii. Budgeted \$25K? \$30K?
 1. GlennAnne had talked to other townships to estimate budget
 2. Hal Lichtman provided estimated budget
 - iii. Asking for additional funding for 2020
 1. Would like to start process in 2019
 - iv. Process seems opposite- to evaluate firms and then get cost vs. evaluate firms with costs
 1. Not supposed to let the price impact the choice – choose the best
 2. Open up closed envelope bids
 3. Solicitor just picks the best and times you put things out to bid and pick the lowest bidder
 - v. Need a good product at a fair price
 - vi. BOS did not discuss bid;
 1. Approved feasibility study for \$25K (confirm?)
 2. Not on September agenda, could be on October agenda
 - vii. Can the board negotiate?
 1. Could go back to Hal and ask what other bids were
 2. No other bids
 3. He informed other firms they were not our choice
 - viii. There was a board member against the feasibility because of the expense
 - b. Budget
 - i. 2020 budget
 - ii. Revenue due Sept 24
 - iii. Expenses due Sept 30th

- i. Possibility of putting sign in and rock wall
 - ii. Public meeting October 24th
- b. Staff changes
 - i. Sue, Program Coordinator, has moved on
 - 1. Plan to hire a replacement
 - ii. Pat, Finance/Front Desk Supervisor, resigned
 - 1. Will replace -
 - 2. Has to be part of budget conversation
- c. Passholder update
 - i. Center
 - 1. YTD - 660 new members
 - 2. 2591 total
 - 3. Revenue to date \$328,913
 - ii. Pool
 - 1. 2448 - 2019 total
 - 2. 80 August members
 - 3. 2153 - 2018 total
 - 4. \$191K revenue 2019
 - 5. \$168K last year
- d. Heather
 - i. Provided ongoing in service training
 - ii. At end of season sent out e-survey
 - iii. Been getting feedback, not sure what yet
 - iv. Finding out what they want to see
- e. Started fall programs
 - i. New things
 - 1. Dancing program - princess dance - 12 kids
 - 2. Youth Cricket - 7 registrations at Bob White
 - 3. Young Rembrandts - After school at the elementary schools
 - a. Confusion on where to pick up at Caley - 20 minutes late
 - b. Had been a problem with asking schools for space
 - c. Was specific for gym/field space
 - ii. Only 2 people registered for swim classes for adults
- f. Planning for Fall Fest October 5th 11-3 @ Heuser park
 - i. Performers, ponies, pumpkins, hay, inflatables, Judy Tudy with balloons,
 - ii. Bracelet for \$5 or individual tickets

2) Board of Supervisors Liaison Report

- a. Budget process starting in a month
- b. Not going to get Friday e-newsletter
 - i. Personnel issues in public information office
 - ii. It will return when fully staffed
- c. High school on BOS agenda this Thursday
 - i. Expects it will pass
 - ii. Opens 2022
- d. Any pushback on Catalyst Experiential - Sharon
 - i. Most board members support most projects

- ii. Bob White supported
- iii. Halloween store supported
- iv. Library is in question – not sure it would be a good spot
 - 1. Would require zoning changes
- v. HQ in Conshohocken looks like waterfall
- vi. Paul – ask them about living wall. Can we do that along senior center wall
 - 1. They would not pay for it
 - 2. They put things where there is vehicular traffic
 - 3. Scout project?
 - 4. Shade Tree Beatification – Barley
 - 5. Succulent classes are very popular right now
- e. Greg will not be at October meeting

3) Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report

- a. Got student rep – a Senior – Maura Ryan
- b. Had catalyst come and present re: BOB White
 - i. Suggesting to BOS putting in pavilion and walking trail and bathrooms
 - ii. Concern was pavilion was too far away
- c. Was a resident who expressed concern about studies linking signs and obesegenics
- d. Gerry still doing a great job
- e. Bat houses
 - i. Jeffrey Uhlenberger already hung 2 bat houses and took pictures
 - ii. He will monitor
 - iii. Dan's purchasing more now
 - iv. Will put blurb in e-newsletter when it comes out
 - v. Can go on BrightAuthor
 - vi. Can also go on FB
- f. Outdoor pickleball courts discussed
- g. Limited fields discussed
- h. P&R and ECDC joint committee studying expansion of Heuser
 - i. 2 P&R, 2 ECDC, 3 residents
 - ii. Acquisition of riverfront land
 - iii. It will be hard
 - iv. Do have land on other side of tracks, but can't access
 - v. This board and previous boards were not successful talking with Norfolk Southern

4) Senior Center Representative Liaison Report

- a. Umbrellas – 3 for now
 - i. Asked for 6; Do we need 3 more?
 - ii. See how well used they are
 - iii. Spent half - Unused grant funds have to be returned and put back into the fund
 - iv. Lydia Sardinias insisted grant said umbrellas were for kids
 - 1. Will not approve future grants if the umbrellas were not for kids
 - 2. Greg will talk to her
- b. Removed one mouse trap; no one seems to miss it
- c. Patio rental does have a price
 - i. Great room and patio together might be a draw
 - ii. Would have to provide staff person because they would have to go through senior center

- iii. Not many venues
- iv. GroupX used the patio in the past
- d. Terry has no preference about putting a living wall at patio
 - i. Suggested mural
 - 1. Still could be a scout project
 - 2. History of UM
 - 3. Something that would draw people
 - 4. Wall would have to be flattened
 - 5. On wood and attach
 - 6. Ask MCGOPA to contribute
- e. Seniors wanted to expand track usage times, since it's not busy
 - i. Current hours T, Th 9-11

5) Old Business

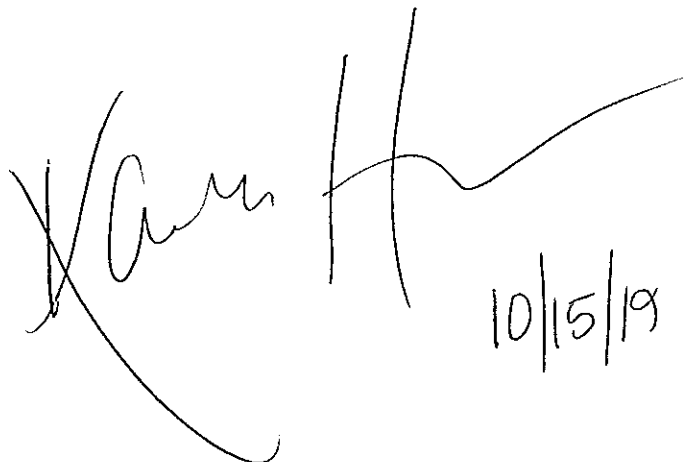
- a. Foundation visits
 - i. Subcommittee met at mixer
 - ii. Why does person has to be financially vetted
 - 1. Greg - Concerned about no vetting for income
 - 2. Some people are financially stable yet take advantage of it
 - 3. Who vets?
 - a. C3AB Board
 - b. There are ways to find out if financial hardship is real
 - 4.
 - iii. Does it matter?
 - 1. Point is to have people who want to use it be able to use it
 - 2. Discussed not vetting for finances
 - a. Makes it complicated
 - b. Create open "community" approach
 - c. Anyone can nominate anyone, anonymously
 - d. Can nominate yourself
 - e. Ask for letter of recommendation
 - 3. Minimum visitation – consistent usage for 4 months
 - a. 3 months is one season, people may not use in a season
 - b. Or will be rescinded
 - c. Deena - what if it's only a 4-month membership?
 - d. Getting it now wouldn't be helpful for using passholder membership for camp discounts
 - iv. Where to find families
 - 1. Lunch rooms, food cupboard, classroom, churches, Marion's Attic
 - 2. Teachers may know more than counselors
 - 3. Lunch programs restricted to students
 - v. Membership application
 - 1. Have an interview – make sure they are interested
 - 2. Sharon will create membership form
 - vi. Bridgeport and West Conshohocken would be included
 - vii. Limit to how many people?
 - 1. For P&R to figure out
 - viii. Will make proposal for BOS
 - 1. May want to see at workshop meeting
 - 2. Could be passed up from P&R to township manager,
 - 3. Township Manager could ask BOS if they have any concerns about it

4. Greg will ask
 5. Could be on November workshop meeting
 6. No opposition to program, but execution is concern
- b. Roof – any updates?
 - i. Greg – no discussion since last meeting
 - ii. Ask for bids to come in on two scenarios; bids not back yet
 - iii. Board is dead set against closing the center
 - c. We don't have any citizen board applications for teen member
 - i. 8th grade to seniors
 - ii. Sudha will send something out to teen leadership camp
 - d. Rock wall
 - i. If you put the mat down anywhere else, will interfere with track
 - ii. In corner where bleachers are is only place we could do it
 - iii. Rounded corner wall
 - iv. Are there custom designs?
 - v. Standard sizes not what we want (16'x9')
 - vi. We can put in BCA grant for it, but let's see if we can get it in the budget
 - e. Bridgeport – We can plan to attend a counsel meeting now
 - f. Options of how do we handle public comments
 1. Take them on every issue
 2. Individual business, give people a say
 3. Also ask them to move on

6) New Business

- a. We've become a Nextdoor.com neighborhood favorite gym
- b. How do we get a little library outside
 - i. Where does pool library go during the season?
 1. The office
 2. We can use that one with some alterations
 - ii. Good scout project
 1. Paul will ask how to propose
 - iii. Do you need a permit?
 - iv. Can the community center just okay it?
 - v. Keep inside or outside?
- c. Spin room needs a defibrillator
 - i. There is one in the fitness center
 - ii. One in an outcove

7) Adjournment



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