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Minutes

Community Center Complex Advisory Board

January 15, 2019

7:30pm

- 1) Attendance: Deena Newman, Paul Kubler, Evelyn Ankers, Sharon Davis, Greg Waks, Terry Stevens, Dick McCann, Karen Huller, Sudha Suryadevara, Chris Levy (remotely)
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Reorganization
 - a) Secretary – Evelyn nominates Karen – all in favor
 - b) Vice Chairperson – Karen nominates Chris Levy – all in favor
 - c) Chairperson – Karen nominates Paul Kubler – all in favor
- 4) Approval of December 18th minutes - Approved
- 5) Staff Report
 - a) Passholder update – 2259 members
 - i) Anticipated \$265K
 - ii) Ended 2018 with \$395,712
 - iii) Exceeded department projected revenue: \$1.9M; \$12K over
 - iv) 2019 expected \$1.662M
 - v) In January \$21K in memberships as of Friday 1.11.19
 - b) With Fairmount closing child watch, can we accommodate more kids?
 - i) No physical space, but trying to work with extra staff
 - ii) Could be an opportunity
 - iii) Older kids don't want to play with the kid toys; need something for older kids
 - c) BCA grant
 - i) Dick – Senior center in favor of joint application
 - ii) Need umbrellas for tables
 - (1) Only have one, but need 3-4 more for activities
 - (2) Not cheap; need quality

- (3) Range from \$300-900 each
 - (4) Require strong base for safety
 - (5) Can't just drill a hole due to wind
 - (6) Cantilever?
 - (a) Can get them permanently placed
 - (b) Maybe some, usually have quality bases
 - (7) Ask the Towers about their umbrellas; they have great ones
 - (8) Bring to meeting next month some models and prices
 - iii) Water trampolines
 - (1) Sharon was in Punta Cana and they had bikes in the pool
 - iv) Application deadline has been pushed back to 4.1
 - (1) There will be more money due to slot machines, but not sure how much
 - (2) BCA reorg is tomorrow
 - v) Paul will send Dick e-mail
 - d) Roof update
 - i) Hal is putting specs for bid together
 - ii) Will be on PennBid for 30 days
 - e) Court refinishing
 - i) Courts were refinished 1.2 – 1.9
 - ii) No one was informed before the announcement went out
 - iii) Aim for better, proactive communication
 - f) Mind body studio
 - i) Duct work is being done
 - ii) Gerry coordinated with contractor, who came today
 - iii) Should take 2-3 days
 - iv) Will have an update on Thursday
 - v) Adjusted GroupX schedule
 - g) Senior Center rear door
 - i) Fixed
 - ii) Gerry Testa reported they came out last Wednesday
 - iii) They didn't replace, but did work underneath the door
 - h) Summer camp program preview
 - i) Feb 7 from 6-8 PM
 - ii) Summer camp guide will be coming out
 - iii) Staff will be here
 - iv) Already getting calls
 - i) Feb 2nd having an instructor appreciation dinner
 - i) 6-8 in Senior Center Great Room
 - ii) Catered affair
- 6) Board of Supervisors Liaison Report
- a) Walker Park
 - i) School district and township have come together to evaluate proposed plan
 - (1) District building
 - (2) Baseball/Softball fields
 - (3) Little league field
 - (4) NPTS permits needed and not easy to acquire, especially considering flooding 2x in last year

- (5) Best of all alternatives
 - (6) Will still be needs for fields if it doesn't come through
 - (7) BOS has not discussed proposed plan as board
 - b) Mullen house demo scheduled for end of January
 - i) Some people want to preserve
 - ii) Has asbestos, which was not included in original scope
 - iii) Original bids had to be discarded and have to start process over
 - c) Discussions with historical society about being able to use Moore-Irwin House
 - i) Feasibility study currently being done
 - ii) Undetermined who would use it
 - iii) Could give it to private organization
 - iv) It belongs to the township
 - v) Discussion about it being a start-up incubator
 - vi) Effort to save that house goes back years
 - vii) Only small portion of the house is historical
 - d) Fairmount Athletic Club
 - i) Not disclosing anything, but they have been cutting GroupX classes
 - ii) Referring instructors to Greg, and he forwarded to Dan Russell and GlennAnne
 - iii) Heard that competition is squeezing them out
 - iv) Squash is their primary sport and it's not that popular
 - v) A UM Mom joined before knowing that child watch was shut down; upset
 - vi) Terry was a member – didn't find it clean
- 7) Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report
- a) Alice Budno Hope and Dr. Toleno are being invited to next meeting
 - i) \$1.5M for Walker
 - ii) Wanted to know specifics about space
 - b) No specs for dog park
 - i) No committee
 - ii) Being held up by Mullen demo
- 8) Senior Center Representative Liaison Report
- a) Dick didn't know that back door was now working and members of senior center can now use it
 - i) Anyone can get buzzed in, then they go to front desk to check in
 - ii) Terry was going to test it the day of the flood
 - iii) No voice communication
 - b) People love the handrails
 - c) Automatic door is broken
 - i) People had been poking with cane and kids were high-kicking it
 - ii) Gerry is aware
 - iii) There are cameras, but monitors not on all the time
 - d) Still people speeding through the parking lot
 - e) Still people turn left in illegally
 - i) Less now than the first year
 - ii) Police officers do hang out up top to catch offenders
 - f) Having a problem with mail
 - i) Had several temporary mail carriers

- ii) Now someone is assigned
- iii) All mail was going downstairs
 - (1) Now Senior Center has bills past due
 - (2) Dick just happened to ask if there was mail and it contained pay checks
 - (3) GlennAnne made a box for senior center mail down stairs for front desk staff to sort
 - (4) E-mailed someone at Senior Center to let them know there was a box down there
 - (5) Dick wants to know if someone can bring it up
 - (6) Sudha will discuss with GlennAnne

9) Old Business

- a) Terry would like the snow plows not to pile snow in handicapped spots
 - i) He can try, but there aren't many other options of places to place snow

10) New Business

- a) Drew Newman wants new pickleball nets
 - i) Further courts don't have good nets
 - ii) They sack and crack
 - iii) The \$10 fee warrants good nets
 - iv) Sudha will talk to Dennis
 - (1) Thought she ordered some in the fall
 - (2) Sometimes left on the court and kids play into them
 - (3) Assembling and disassembling and moving causes damage
 - (a) They charge \$1 per week pickleball ball renewal fund
 - (b) Balls are good balls, but they break frequently
- b) Working with Vincent O'Grady and GlennAnne on rescheduled tournament
 - i) Identified questions to ask people to gauge interest
 - ii) For general interest, resident, and non-resident
 - iii) Greg will distribute survey
 - (1) Posted on pickleball page this afternoon
 - (2) Will send to Deena
 - (3) Might put it on his personal FB page
 - (4) Upper Merion facebook page
- c) May is joint meeting with the BOS
 - i) Start thinking about what we want to include
 - ii) Fill it with pictures

11) Adjournment