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Community Center Complex Advisory Board

October 15, 2019 7:30pm

MINUTES

- 1) Attendance – Chris Levy, Sharon Davis, Deena Newman, Terry Stevens, Karen Huller, GlennAnne Chabala, Ben Eyer
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of September 17th minutes – Motion by Deena/Second by Sharon - Approved
- 4) Staff Report
 - a. Personnel update
 - i. Sudha is leaving
 1. Opportunity with City of Philadelphia
 2. November 1st is last day
 - ii. Still have not replaced other staff members
 1. 2 more interview for custodial maintenance
 - a. Bring in top 4 for additional interview
 - b. Narrow down to one
 2. Thursday 6 interviews for financial position
 3. One programmer
 - b. Passholder Update
 - i. 664 new members YTD
 - ii. 4 new passholders in last month
 - iii. 2619 passholders (includes silver & fit)
 1. GlennAnne is making revisions to reports
 2. Will see differences in the numbers
 - iv. \$363,664 in revenue
 1. \$40K more than last month
 2. All revenue goes to the township general fund
 - c. Pool feasibility
 - i. Bid came in higher
 1. Hal gave the original estimate
 2. Sharon – why was it so much higher
 3. No conclusion
 - ii. Dan met with Nick (Finance) and Tony (Township Manager)
 1. Will recommend to board to carry \$21,600 into next year's budget
 2. Another \$32K to make up the difference

3. The aquatics firm, Counsilman-Hunsaker, sold Nick and Tony on going forward
4. Paid Hal \$3,400
- iii. GlennAnne will contact MKSD
- iv. The C3AB board responsibilities are done
- v. Things that are currently in need of attention and will be part of feasibility study
 1. Pump house is in disrepair
 2. Pools need repainting
- d. Winter program preview – Thursday December 5th
- e. Holiday village is December 7th at the Township Building starting from 12-3 PM
- f. Budget
 - i. Department heads, Finance Director, and Township Manager review departmental budgets
 1. Board sees what department recommended and what manager recommended
 2. They will weigh in
 - ii. Cuts
 1. Approved- \$1,500 for security camera
 2. Approved \$25,000 child watch renovations (estimate was \$1,700)
 - a. Does allow for a teen lounge
 - b. Can use P&R equipment budget for supplies
 3. \$56,800 total for feasibility study
 4. Nothing else was approved
 - a. Rock Wall
 - i. May still maneuver money in rec supplies for a rock wall
 - ii. We can put in BCA grant for it, but let's see if we can get it in the budget
 - b. Sign backlighting
 - i. Big pushback on this
 - ii. Sharon would like to ask Greg next month why
 5. LED sign (which will wait until corner house plans solidify)
 6. Dan requested \$2M capital budget, \$185K approved
 - a. Center was not hit the hardest
 - b. \$90K of that is for the center
 7. Sharon would like to know for residents' sake why there were such cuts, what other things were more important
 8. We still don't cover our own costs
 - iii. Public meeting October 24th
- g. Teen liaison
 - i. Will help us what kind of programming, equipment, and events will attract more teen passholders
 - ii. E-sports
 - iii. More than the basketball demographic
 - iv. Ben is a Junior

5) Board of Supervisors Liaison Report

- a. Greg not in attendance

6) Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report

- a. Deena was not present, shared notes
- b. Grant applications through P&R board
 - i. Various sports organizations present their case

- ii. Deena will provide notes
- c. Bob White complete
- d. Belmont will be done before winter
- e. Dog park
 - i. May not be Mullen tract
 - ii. Catalyst wants to have a big sign up there
 - iii. Proposing moving a library there
 - 1. Is not imminent
 - 2. Some feel location problematic
 - iv. Discussing alternate grounds
 - 1. Merrill C Young park
 - 2. Dog park rules proposed
- f. Bat houses
 - i. Dan will order more
 - ii. One is at the township building near the skate park
 - iii. Other one is at Heuser
 - iv. It can take a couple years for bats to nest
 - v. Jeff will keep watching
- g. Fields and township use with shortage
 - i. Caley rebuild lost fields
- h. ECDC subcommittee met for the 1st time

7) Senior Center Representative Liaison Report

- a. Mural
 - i. Perhaps BCA grant application
 - ii. Millie Becker –
 - 1. Asked her if it was possible if someone comes in to set up paint by number to let citizens do the painting
 - 2. Was done in Philly
- b. Trip to Hagley Museum (Delaware, DuPonts)
 - i. Would the center want it opened up to others besides seniors?
 - 1. Some trips are carpool, some are bused
 - 2. They may not have the numbers they need
 - 3. All day trip, 3 or 4 buildings
 - 4. Trip is this week
 - a. Not enough time to open it up
 - b. Needs advanced notice to add it to community pass
 - c. Open trips are not subsidized
 - d. Department works so far ahead, would need to advertise and open registration for all simultaneously
 - 5. In the future, anything bused can be opened up to general citizens
 - 6. Cannot advertise competing trips
 - 7. GlennAnne will let Terry know when the next opportunity to include senior center trips is
 - ii. GlennAnne saw that some trips are restricted to one guest per member

8) Old Business

- a. Fall Fest was October 5th
 - i. Great weather, great attendance
 - ii. 700 pumpkins
- b. Foundation visits
 - i. Could be on November workshop meeting

- ii. Need to meet to figure out execution
 - iii. Make PowerPoint
- c. Sharing library
 - i. No opposition, have one made
 - ii. Pool will want theirs back in the summer
 - 1. GlennAnne will ask Heather when she returns
 - iii. Borrow it
 - 1. Investigate Boy Scout programs
 - 2. Paul Salamy will ask how to propose
- d. Rock wall
 - i. Installation \$3K + rock wall
 - ii. Can only do 8x12 on each side
 - 1. \$8,495
 - 2. 8x24 total
 - 3. \$1K shipping and handling
 - 4. \$10,294 for one system
 - 5. Rec supplies budget is \$100K and has to go quite far
 - iii. Deena will find the quote
- e. Bridgeport/West Conshohocken
 - i. Sharon and Paul will go
 - ii. We were invited a year ago, then events occurred
 - iii. We can plan to attend a counsel meeting now
 - iv. Let them know they are encouraged to participate in all rec programs
- f. No certainty when Friday e-newsletter will return

9) New Business

- a. New equipment is sleek
 - i. 3 year lease
 - ii. Less bulky
 - iii. Looks more open in the fitness room
- b. Citizen board luncheon November 10th at Fogo de Chao
- c. Theater Horizon
 - i. Were Nomadic
 - ii. Now in Norristown
 - iii. Won 8 Barrymore Awards
- d. BCA
 - i. It's time to start
 - ii. Applications are due March 15th
 - iii. Senior center talking about mural
 - iv. Rock wall
- e. Ben will come with some ideas, update on minutes

10) Adjournment- Chris moved, Deena second