

GLEN ROCK RECREATION BOARD MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2014 MEETING

The Glen Rock Recreation Board met on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at the Borough office meeting room. Members present were: K. Krebs, A. Creamer, T. Murphy and Borough Council Chair Richard Shiles.

Ken called the meeting to order.

Richard Shiles shared information on his efforts to secure financing, support and donations for the Baltimore Street Park. He advised that he set up meetings with local businesses where he provided specific information on what was needed to make the park a reality. He also made a presentation at the American Legion to ask for their support. He received donations from many of the businesses (either in materials or funding) to include Home Depot, Stonewall Landscaping, an architecture firm who provided plans and drawings (secured through the York County Economic Alliance) and Kinsley Construction, just to name a few. He provided a lot of good information for us as we embark on fundraising efforts for a proposed dog park.

We discussed our desire to apply for grant funding from the <u>PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development</u> (Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant); or, to apply through the <u>DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Grants</u> (development projects involving the rehabilitation and development of public parks) mainly for the purpose of completing ADA compliance projects. We shared our plans to meet with a representative from York College's Engineering Co-op program to ask for possible assistance with writing the grant proposal. Richard discussed the details of the previous grant application and said he would get with Holley & Associates to secure the previous plans, etc. that we could use.

We discussed matching funds requirements and Richard advised that, in some instances, in-kind labor can be used toward the matching funds requirement. He believes we had a letter of intent for the previous grant proposal where Shrewsbury Borough had agreed to provide some in-kind labor and he will also check into obtaining these letters for us.

Richard provided some information on various grants that we could look into that are designed to help low and moderate income areas (through the York County Economic Alliance) and he advised that Glen Rock is included in the Southern York County Comprehensive Plan. These are



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all possible resources we can research to further our efforts to secure funding for the ADA compliance project.

Richard shared with us the long range plans for Glen Rock that include doing a better job of getting the word out about the advantages of doing business in Glen Rock. We need to make more concerted efforts to attract businesses to the area (capitalizing on amenities such as the rail trail, the parks, etc.) and to find a "niche" market to attract visitors and revenue.

Christen attended the meeting briefly to advise that she had met with Ann Merrick to discuss the duties of the treasurer and how to best work together to manage our funds. Christen said she would provide the April Treasurer's Report during our May meeting. Anne provided the mailbox key to Christen so she can check for incoming invoices, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Anne advised that we have scheduled a meeting with the York College Engineering Co-op Department Director, Joanne Wilkins, for May 2. Tiffani and Anne will meet with Ms. Wilkins to discuss possible grant writing and/or other resources for our dog park proposal and for our ADA compliance projects. Richard advised that a representative of the Council should also attend and he suggested that we invite Doug Young. He also advised that if Doug was not available, he would attend. Anne will invite Doug to attend.

Anne advised that the posters have been prepared for the Summer Playground Program. Roger Butz again donated his time to update the posters and registration forms. Anne will copy these and distribute in the Borough.

Ken advised that we need to order a new flag and halyard for the park. He advised that the halyard we need is 100 ft. of the 5/16" halyard. Anne will order the flag and halyard. Purchase of the flag and halyard was approved by the Board members present. Ken will then work with Ron McCullough to secure assistance from the New Freedom Fire Department to install the new flag.

We discussed some of the damage and repairs needed at the park to include some downed tree limbs, a broken bench and the parking stops near the ball field and Ken will check on these before the next meeting to see what needs to be done.



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Anne advised that she talked to Sue Goode and received information on how to eliminate the sand wasps at the Volleyball Courts. This has to be done in June or July and we will discuss this more during our June meeting.

Tiffani advised that the word is really getting out about our dog park proposal. Ann M advised Tiffani that we have raised approximately \$100.00 so far in donations. Tiffani will be sharing information at the Pet Value shop in Shrewsbury this weekend. Tiffani and Anne will attend the American Cancer Society "Bark for Life" in May to set up a booth to provide additional information. Additionally, Barb Krebs will be interviewing Tiffani regarding the dog park for an article to be published in the Weekly Record in the next few weeks. Richard asked us to obtain more information on the requirements for the dog park (to include rules, regulations, responsibility for dog bites, clean up, etc.).

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM; next GRRB meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Creamer, Secretary