

September 7, 2010  
Curtis Hall

A meeting of the PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE was held tonight. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Kathy Hampton. Members present were Commissioners Haywood, McKeown, Sharkey, Swavola, and Ex-officio member, Morton J. Simon. Staff present were Messrs. David Kraynik, Bryan Havar, John Hoover, Brian Hinson, Anthony Birdsong, Ms. Whitney Campoli, and Ms. Susan Fries. A Public Attendance List is attached.

1. Diane Weiner, of the Friends of High School Park, presented plans for a new entryway. They asked the Committee to approve the plans and grant permission for fund raising for the project. Work that has already been accomplished this year is the slope restoration in four areas, the alumni path rehabilitation, installation of a rain garden which was an Eagle Scout Project, and the path in the new garden which will be planted with native flowers and shrubs this fall.

Ms. Weiner has been working with the Township on a grant to have the upper meadow and edge of the park planted with native plants. The Friends have received help from alumni of Cheltenham High School and Ogontz Jr. High. They have been contacted for information about existing projects and for fund raising support. There is a ten year ecological plan for High School Park.

Mr. Simon wanted to know if the Friends were going to be following the exact plan being shown of the new entryway, and questioned, if flags and banners could be posted at the entryway. He was told yes to both questions by Ms. Weiner.

Mr. Haywood wanted to know what type of fund raising was going to be done, and was told through special community events. The Friends have also received help from the Elkins Park Rotary Club.

Mr. Sharkey requested that a Cheltenham Township sign or seal be placed on the gateway.

Upon motion of Ms. Hampton, it was unanimously approved by the Committee, for the Friends of High School Park to raise funds for the new enhanced park entryway as presented.

2. Mr. Hoover suggested that the pool fees be raised for 2011. He stated that it could be discussed at a later date.

He also stated that the township had generated approximately \$25,000 more in revenue at the pools than last year. There was an increase in daily fees collected which may be partly due to eliminating the policy for allowing a limited number of guests.

Mr. Sharkey requested that Park Security Officer's cars be better identified while on patrol. For example a logo or magnetic sign can be placed on the car. Mr. Kraynik stated that staff will look into some appropriate signage.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Haywood, approved by the Committee, the Recreation Reports for the month of August, 2010, were accepted.

4. Upon the motion of Mr. Swavola, approved by the Committee, the Curtis and Glenside Hall Reports for the month of August, 2010, were accepted.

5. Old Business: Mr. Sharkey wanted to thank everyone for doing such a great job this summer.

There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Hampton, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Kraynik  
Township Manager

Per Linda J. Vann

