



Franklin Township
 Advisory Recreation Council
 Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017
 Community / Senior Center
 7:00pm
 Minutes

In Attendance: Keith Stewart, Venkateshan Pundi, Nancy Sayre, Lewis Hurd and Ty-Wanna Cotton

Excused: Rebekah Solomon, Carl Wright, Bill Gallagher and Varun Venkateshan

Absent: John Moon, Darrin Russo, Bill Milligan, Percy Sanders and Elois Taylor

Staff: Alice Osipowitz and Dan Reeve

Call to order: Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Approval of Minutes: No quorum

Public Comment: A motion was made by Mr. Hurd and seconded by Ms. Sayre to open the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

Seeing no speakers from the public are present, a motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Hurd to close the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

Superintendents Report

Mr. Reeve provided a written program report.

1. Program Update:

- Fall programs began 9/12. (registration began 9/6)
- New Programs:
 - Girls Lacrosse Clinic (5 - 13 year olds)
 - Youth Pickleball (6 - 17 year olds)
 - Girls Field Hockey (9 - 14 year olds)
- Williams Pool
 - 319 registrations in 2017. Decrease of 66 registrations or 17% from 2016.
 - Average daily usage in 2017 was 29 swimmers, an increase of 2 swimmers per day from 2016.
 - \$1,520 income in 2016. Decrease of \$377 or 19% from 2016.

2. Summer Camp Update:

2016 Summer Camp		2017 Summer Camp		Variance from 2016
Play & Learn	6	Play & Learn	9	3
Safety Town	49	Safety Town	32	-17
Franklin Park 1/2 Day AM	16	Franklin Park 1/2 Day AM	14	-2
Franklin Park 1/2 Day PM	15	Franklin Park 1/2 Day PM	9	-6
Franklin Park Full Day	84	Franklin Park Full Day	77	-7
FMS 1/2 Day AM	6	CRS 1/2 Day AM	14	8
FMS 1/2 Day PM	10	CRS 1/2 Day PM	13	3

FMS Full Day	49	CRS Full Day	31	-18
Inman Park 1/2 Day	44	Inman Park 1/2 Day	26	-18
Williams Park Full Day	79	Williams Park Full Day	74	-5
Totals	358	Totals	299	-59

3. Upcoming Events:

- Franklin Day Festival – Sept. 23; Noon – 5pm (Colonial Park)
- Pumpkin Patch – Oct. 28; 1pm – 3pm
- 2nd Annual “Battle of the Paddles” Pickleball Tournament – Nov. 4

Directors Report

Middlebush Park Concession Stand

- Construction is complete
- PSE&G is scheduled to complete electrical work on 9/15
- Distributed Kitchen Facility Rental Policies and Procedures for review. Further discussion plan for October meeting.

Williams Park Splash Pad & Pool

- Old splash pad has been removed. New concrete pad and new spray elements were installed in early August. Campers had an opportunity to use it during last two weeks of summer camp. Splash pad was also opened for public use during community open swim hours as well as during the Annual Week of the People event. Very positive feedback to date.

Franklin Township Youth Center

- Community meeting was held on July 25. Approximately 100 attendees (residents and community leaders).
- Facilitators asked questions and attendees answered via electronic devices so that all responses were able to be recorded.
- Mr. Hurd was in attendance and stated he felt there could have been better communication beforehand regarding the potential size of the building as well as the size of the lot.

Misc Updates

- Mr. Stewart provided an overview on the recent school construction projects.
- Ms. Osipowitz announced there is discussion with the Board of Education regarding the need for new school age enrichment programs. Ideas discussed include; theater, science, dance, ceramics, home economics, wood shop, small engines, graphic design, illustration, robotics, sewing, STEM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Math), etc. Ms. Osipowitz will provide an update once a more concrete plan is in place.

Old Business

Ms. Osipowitz reported that the seeding around the cricket pitches at Williams Park and Weston Road Park will be completed in October once the cricket season is completed.

New Business

No new business

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Hurd to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm , all others in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Reeve
Superintendent of Recreation