

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2009

A regularly scheduled meeting was held at the Township Administration Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 P.M. Committee members in attendance Frank McCullough, Walt Aungst, Randy Moyer, Frank Adamcik, Genny Baillie Recreation Director and Twp Mgr. Randy Soriano.

September 2009 minutes were approved M/S McCullough/Aungst
West End parks tour minutes were approved M/S Moyer/McCullough

NEW BUSINESS
DOGS IN LINDBERG PARK

A discussion was held regarding the wording to be placed on the signs that would control the dog walking in the park. A question arose regarding what is written on the signs at Franko Park regarding the dogs? No one knew for certain; therefore, Mr. Adamcik will look into it.

There would be a need for four signs at Lindberg Park. Two signs, one at each parking lot entrance stating:

1. Dog walkers must enter and exit through rear parking lot.
2. Dogs must be under control on a leash.
3. Walkers must clean up after their pets.

The two other signs would indicate the boundaries and state: No dogs beyond this point. Those signs would be placed at the inner park boundaries.

Ms. Baillie said that time restrictions should be placed on dog walking. Her concerns reflected the presence of dogs while baseball games and the Summer Playground Program are in progress, as the times for those events vary. Mr. Aungst felt that the time restrictions would complicate the issue since this is on a trial basis. The restriction issue was temporarily postponed.

A liability issue was discussed. Mr. Soriano will inquire if the liability would be greater at Lindberg Park than Franko Park, perhaps both would fall under the same insurance clause. Ms. Baillie suggested that liability at Franko should also be examined.

In a matter unrelated to the dogs, Mr. Soriano stated that he was also concerned with the Township hunting permits because they do not contain any waiver of liability when they are issued. He is looking to resolve that matter.

A motion/second, Aungst/Moyer was made with all in favor to forward a letter requesting permission for walking dogs at Lindberg Park in a designated area for an undetermined trial period. Mr. Adamcik will send a letter containing this request to Mr. Soriano.

Mr. Adamcik said that the project list has increased because maintenance items were added from the Parks inspection tour. Mr. McCullough noted that a fence had recently been installed at Green Acres Park between the two basketball courts. The installation of this fence was a priority issue for over a year. The Committee was greatly appreciative for the installation of this fence and thanked the Township Manager.

An idea of a community project list was discussed. The list would contain small projects that may include painting, among other things. Persons or groups seeking to receive credit for performing community service would perform these tasks. Mr. Aungst said that standard maintenance could save the Township a great deal of money over the years. Ms. Baillie said that in the past, summer help was used to perform some of the maintenance on rainy days and people from the correction facility, which have done parks cleaning. Mr. Soriano said that regular maintenance should be performed but the maintenance does not necessarily need to be performed by special skilled individuals employed by the Township. It is possible to utilize the summer employees or hire elsewhere. He will see if he can facilitate this maintenance next year.

The election of Chair and V. Chair person was tabled and will be held in January to correspond with the expiration and reappointment of members.

Adjourned 8:20 P.M. M/S McCullough/Aungst

Next meeting 01/18/2010 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frank Adamcik