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The Township Parks and Recreation Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Conewago Township Municipal Building at 7pm on Tuesday July 21, 2009.

Parks and Recreation Board Members in Attendance

Dan Tredinnick -- Chairperson
Laurie Rochat – Vice Chairperson
Ryan Little – Secretary
Sherry Weaver – Member
Jane Janeczek – Member

Others in Attendance

Michelle O'Donnell
Ken Adkins

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment

Ken Adkins, president of the Conewago Baseball Association, presented the board with a plaque and thank you note on behalf of the association for the Townships' continued support of their program. Ken indicated that roughly 100 children participated this year.

Michelle O'Donnell provided an update on Camp Conewago which began on Monday July 20th. This years' theme is "Discovering our World". Each camper visits three separate stations on a daily basis. These stations consist of educational activities presented by three paid teachers. Unlike prior years, Michelle is managing the camp versus teaching at one of the stations. All the remaining counselors, approximately 15, are volunteers from Lower Dauphin High School. There are roughly 75 students attending camp this year which is down from prior years. Initial feedback on the camp from students, parents and the school principal has been favorable. Field trips this year were limited to just one due to transportation expenses. It appears that the Camp expenses will be under the budgeted amount and that the majority of the expenses will be covered by the registration fees.

Michelle also had several ideas for improvement for 2010:

- She would like to see the Camp advertized in the Township newsletter and possibly the District newsletter.
- She is also going to review the pricing structure of the camp and possibly offer a family rate as well as scholarships for those in need.

Michelle also solicited feedback from the Board on the possibility of providing each counselor with a gift card in appreciation of their efforts. The Board approved the issuance of a \$20 gift card to each volunteer.

The Board also approved an expenditure of up to \$200 for the acquisition of shelving units to store any leftover materials in the storage shed at the Elementary School.

Board Action and Discussion

In reference to the parkland purchase, Dan Tredinnick advised that he had no updates to report.

Dan also reported that he personally delivered the paper work to John Payne's office regarding the misplaced DCED grant documentation in the amount of \$5000. Dan was unsuccessful in reaching Representative Payne's office today for an update.

The Board received a request from the Creekside Meadow development project to accept fee in lieu of vs. dedicated parkland within the development. Jane Janeczek made a motion with a second by Laurie Rochat to accept the fee in lieu. The motion was passed unanimously.

Concerns were expressed by the Board over the outstanding grant and fee in lieu of money and the status of their expenditure. A request will be made to the Township Manager for a monthly update on these outstanding monies.

The Board also requests a publication schedule for the upcoming Township newsletters so we may provide news items on the subject of Parks and Recreation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10pm

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