

Richland Township

Park and Recreation Board
Meeting minutes August 29, 2013

Present were Chairlady Leigh Ann Staudenmeier, Cindy Rosson, Tom Marino, Supervisor Tim Arnold and from the Twp. Neil Erkert

The meeting was called to order by Chairlady Leigh Ann Staudenmeier.

There was a request to approve the minutes from the June meeting and it was revealed the minutes were not available for review. Approval of the minutes was then deferred to the September meeting. Mr. Erkert and Ms. Staudenmeier will review and correct the oversight.

The meeting was highlighted by a presentation by Miss Megan Woods, an 11 year old resident of Richland Township in the Spring Meadows Subdivision. Megan was accompanied by her parents Scott and Jennifer Woods along with Megan's younger sister and Grandmother.

Megan is interested in initiating and promoting a dog park in Richland Township. In her presentation she indicated that 52% of people with a dog have a fenced yard. Due to Richland Twp. Zoning regulations her family is unable to justify the erection of a fenced area on their property, this situation assumable exists for other Township residents. A survey compiled by Megan showed a support for a dog park by 90% of the residents surveyed. A dog park would give excellent protection to the public and yet provide a place for dogs to exercise, be outdoors and get fresh air.

Megan discussed various methods of fundraising to establish a dog park such as Basket Raffles, and "Buy a Brick" promotions for the dog park path.

There was an informal discussion amongst the Park and Recreation Board and the Woods family, as topics of location, size and what was known of other dog parks was discussed. The final outcome of the presentation indicated the Park and Recreation Board is Conditionally supportive of having a dog park in the Township.

Movie Night review; as had been established over the years the consensus of movie nights in general have been it is an excellent event. How to make it better? Tim discussed the options of a Township Screen, a "blow up" or inflatable version verses a screen strung between two permanent structures such as support posts. He wants something strong and durable that will last. The belief of Mr. Arnold and the Board is that the "blow up" screen does not fit that criteria and is too "pricey". Tim will seek further information and there will be further discussion on this topic.

Community Day review: The Park and Recreation Tent went very well under the direction of Cindy Rosson, other attractions that went well were the Magicians, Face Painters and the DJ. It was noted that for the next year we would like to expand the use of the entertainment tent will supplying more seating and tables for people to sit, rest, listen and watch. As far as the continuation of the car show, that topic will be revisited in the future.

Golf Outing; As of this time it is know that Jan Hench will be doing a basket however the overall basket reply is lacking. Tim feels that a “Barbeque Basket” will garner a lot of support containing various barbeque meats, and a Hershey Park Chocolate Basket including 4 tickets to Hershey Park should also do very well.

Fundraising updates:

Cindy is checking on the Papa Johns fundraiser hopefully in Dec.

Submitted by Neil Erkert