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Ashburnham Parks and Recreation Committee **Meeting Minutes 02-06-2014**

Member in Attendance: Mike Salem, Doug Carlman, Steven Gallant, Cheryl Goller, Deanne Smith. **Guest Speaker:** Bob Fichtel

Meeting Called to Order: Motion made by Steven Gallant and Second by Doug Carlman. Mike called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Ashburnham 250th

Mike introduced Bob Fichtel from the Ashburnham 250th Committee. Bob handed out a proposed schedule of the events around and on the event. Bob spoke of different events that they have tentatively scheduled such as the opening of a time capsule that will be opened at downtown day. Moving the Lions Chicken Bar-b-que to Oakmont (to coincide with the fireworks), maybe holding a carnival.

He is looking to know what projects or events if any we wanted to do for the 250th. We discussed maybe getting involved with a carnival. This will be discussed as a committee and we will get back to them.

Park Grant

Mike explained that he was notified that a grant was available for Park and Recreation that could bring us up to \$200,000 to do Park and Playground improvements. Cheryl had explained that she looked into it some and what the grant writing would entail. Mike asked if we should consider this for Sweeney or Winchester or both. Cheryl showed us costs of playground equipment, picnic tables, walking track, courts and equipment, etc. After much discussion it was agreed to concentrate on Sweeney as it was the oldest park.

ALL agreed. A motion was made by Cheryl Goller to go forward with writing and applying for the grant and was second by Steven Gallant. All other committee members agreed. A motion was then made by Steven Gallant that we solely write this grant to the rehabilitation of Sweeney Park. Motion was second by and second by Cheryl Goller.

Now as to what we would like to do. Cheryl showed us a list of what info she had thus far. A lot of discussion was done as to what we would like to see in a newly designed park. We looked at new playground equipment that would cover age groups from toddlers through grade school. Mike asked if anyone had any problems with the suggestions so far. Doug suggested that we stay away from anything to do with planting or growing as it takes too much up keep. Mike says that he has spoken to the DPW in reference to what we would maybe plant and they agreed to support and up keep whatever grass we planted.

Deanne asked what kind of rules/laws governed ground around playgrounds. Cheryl suggests that we just mulch. Deanne was fine with everything except spending money on the picnic tables suggested. Doug agreed that we could build for a lot less. Doug was also concerned with the idea of having a graffiti board. Steve was fine with what had so far been discussed and presented.

Mike Salem made a proposal to submit a plan that would max out the \$200,000 grant. Motion was second by Doug Carlman to Mike's proposal and second by Deanne Smith. All agreed. Cheryl asked about what would happen to equipment presently there. Mike said that we will have to look into what we could legally do with it such as auctioning off. Motion was then made by Deanne Smith to eliminate the idea of a shed on site as it would just give older kids something to vandalize. Motion was second by Doug Carlman. All agrees.

Treasury Report: Cheryl handed out recent treasurer's report. Committee reviewed and motion was to accept by Deanne Smith and Second by Steven Gallant, All agreed.

Summer Concert & Easter Egg Hunt: Was agreed by all to table to next meeting.

Next meeting was then scheduled for February 13th at the Public Safety Building.

Motion made to close the meeting at 9:06 pm by Steven Gallant, Second by Doug Carlman. All agreed.

Respectfully Submitted

Steven P. Gallant
Secretary

(PLEASE note: Meetings for the months of February and March were cancelled)