

**HARRIS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2005**

PRESENT: Deb Ellis, Diane Farr, Sharon Faulkner, Susan Hammerstedt, and Roy Harpster. Township Manager Amy Farkas was unable to attend.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 23, 2005, meeting were approved.

CRPR REPORT: Park Forest has received a \$25,000 grant for the pool. It is held up, however, until the State College Area School District makes a decision about the Welch pool lease.

OLD BUSINESS:

Since Amy Farkas, Township Manager was unable to attend the last two Parks and Recreation meetings, a series of emails have been exchanged. Several questions were sent to her and her responses have been incorporated into the minutes.

Traditions of America. Amy indicated that she would leave a copy of the plans on the table in the meeting room. Since we couldn't get into that room, we were unable to review them. Deb will request that Amy summarize the parkland specifications in their plan and send these to us via email. The Committee requests this information:

Are the following recreational improvements, still being considered?

- Pavilion and picnic tables with handicap access for their residents and extended family?
- A stone surfaced parking lot for 8-10 spaces, divided between 2 sides of pavilion?
- A playground piece for tots in the vicinity of the pavilion?
- A HC port-a-potty with appropriate landscaping at the pavilion? Would the township maintain this and the pavilion area?
- Bike path connects with existing or (planned) bike path?
- Is the bike path paved and graded, which can be used by residents as a walking path also?
- Club house with amenities? Tennis court?

Harvest Fields. The Supervisors approved the rezoning request for both tracts (Harvest Fields/Aikens and the Boalsburg Technology Park). Amy wrote that concerns about the parkland have been voiced by the residents and the Supervisors. Also there are some environmental challenges posed by the site. The Committee will need a copy of the plan as soon as it is submitted.

2005-2006 Harris Twp. Parks and Recreation Budget. The budget has been approved as presented. There were no additional changes to the budget. The Committee will ask Amy to provide a copy of the budget and the proposed installation schedule to coordinate with CRPR.

Harris Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Dates for 2006. The Committee voted to change the meeting day and time to the third Wednesday of the month beginning in January 2006. There will be one meeting a month at 7 p.m. Deb will remain chairperson and Roy will remain CRPR representative. Meeting minutes will be shared by Diane (May-August), Sharon (January-April), and Susan (September-December). The committee will request that Amy or someone from the staff attend our meetings regularly to facilitate communications with the supervisors and CRPR staff.

Draft of Article in Harris Township Winter Newsletter. Amy wrote that she would leave a copy on the table for the Committee to make suggestions/comments on it. Deb will take care of this.

New Volunteers for the Committee. Amy indicated that so far there have been no applicants. She requested an email with suggestions of people to serve on the Committee.

Safety Issues for Country Place. The Committee will table any major capital improvements until the adjacent property development plans have been submitted. The swings and safety pit issues will be addressed by Spring.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on January 18, 2006, at 7 p.m.