

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Oakbourne Mansion, 1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown Township, PA
October 11, 2016

In attendance: Deb Litman-Goch (Chair), Stuart Rich (Secretary), Ida Fritsche, Donel Manke, Phillip Garabedian, and Seamus Lavin. Absent: Jennifer Masiko (Vice-Chair) and Township Manager Rob Pingar.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. (dm/sl)

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 13, 2016 were approved with the correction of one typo. (sr/dm)

III. New Business

A. 2017 Calendar of Events

The Community Yard Sale will be held on April 29, 2017. Seamus suggested adding an Earth Day event to the calendar where volunteers come and clean up the parks, or renting a school bus and providing tours of the parks to increase community awareness of them. Another Earth Day activity could include having crafts at the mansion such as building bird feeders. Phillip said that these activities might get us points towards the Wildlife Habitat Certification.

Deb revisited holding a 5K run at Oakbourne Park. Seamus revisited setting up geocache course at Oakbourne Park. Tentative dates were set for Summer Movie Nights on June 16, July 21, and August 18, 2017. Donel suggested showing at least one movie that was more adult oriented. Deb suggested holding a “Trunk or Treat” next Halloween. We tentatively decided to hold the Winter Festival on December 10, 2017.

We will consider partnering with the Historical Commission again for Westtown Day. We will talk to the Historical Commission before deciding on a date for the event.

IV. Old Business

A. Westtown Day Debrief

The Commission reviewed feedback received about the event. Deb said she would have liked to have seen more adults at the event. We discussed ways that we could increase adult participation which included inviting craft vendors to attend or having BINGO.

B. Mansion Holiday Decorating

The Commissioners will meet to decorate the Mansion on November 5 at 10:00 am.

C. Winter Festival.

The Winter Festival will be held on December 4, 2016 from 10:00am until 1:00pm. It was suggested that we invite craft vendors again this year and possibly charge them a fee. Ida has

volunteered to vet craft vendors. Seamus suggested having Santa make an appearance. Other activities could include face painting, wreath making, decorating cookies, and other crafts. Stuart will contact the carolers to see if they would perform.

D. Wildlife Habitat Certification Update

Phillip reported that the information booth at Westtown Day went well and about 20 people volunteered to help in the future. To date, 34 properties and three common areas in the township have already been certified. We might want to reach out to Friends of Oakbourne about collaborating with them on our certification plans.

VI. Public Comment & Other Items

A. Taylor Historical Markers on Pleasant Grove Property

This was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. (sr/sl)