PEQUEA TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD Minutes of – August 8, 2012

The members of Pequea Township Park and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Pequea Township Municipal Building, 1028 Millwood Road, Willow Street, PA 17584.

Members present: Lew Witmer, Janet Hess, Steve Gogoj, Lucy Gillichbauer and Joan Gogoj.

Others Present: Harry Lehman and Bob Funk

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Lew Witmer at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meetings to be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

Public Comments: Supervisor, Harry Lehman, expressed his willingness to support and help the Park Board in any way.

Minutes Review: Minutes of the July, 11, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Steve Gogoj made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2012 meeting as presented, Lucy Gillichbauer seconded the motion, all voted in favor, none opposed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Equipment Update Lew did not hear from Phil Chmiel this month, therefore, there are no known issues. However, Harry Lehman advised that Phil Chmiel had a broken belt on the Ferris mower that had to be replaced.
- 2) Chemical use in the park for weed control: Lucy Gillichbauer did some research and found a non-toxic, organic product that is an acidic base and she will forward details of the product. Steve Gogoj motioned that in order to resolve the issue, we should buy one gallon of the organic product for Phil to try and report back to us. Lucy Gillichbauer seconded the motion, all voted in favor, none opposed. Lew Witmer will requisition a purchase order.
- 3) Community Day thank you letter has been published on the township web page.

New Business:

 Harry Lehman provided a packet of information for each board member including the financials for the past three years and YTD 2012, copy of the Master Plan for the park, and maps of the walking trails. Details and review of the packet followed.

Harry also stated that the Park Board must submit an annual report providing a year end summary. Should be a highlight of the minutes of the year. Since the summary for year 2011 has not yet been submitted, Harry included copies of the 2011 minutes. Joan Gogoj will draft the 2011 summary for review at the next meeting.

Harry submitted a draft copy of a map legend of the walking trails that was created by an Eagle Scout project and will forward a spelling corrected copy. Will be a good map to put in the kiosk.

2) The Board will begin working on the 2013 budget which is due October 2012.

Public Comments:

Harry Lehman commented regarding chemical use in the park for weed control. He stated that an alternative, organic product had previously been tested in the Park, didn't recall the name of the product, but it was very expensive and not as effective. Also, there is no lawn care in the park except the soccer field which is limed every two years (and is due to be limed this year). Harry explained that chemicals are sprayed around trees, as it would be too labor intense to manually weed and that approximately three cases are used yearly. Harry Lehman recently purchased three cases of Round Up for budget year 2012.

Board Comments: None.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan M. Gogoj, Secretary Park & Recreation Board