

**Park and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**June 16, 2010**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Pendora Park Fieldhouse**

**Meeting Summary**

Committee Members Present –O. Smith, R. DeGroot – 2.

Others Present –S. Katzenmoyer, M. Lubas

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Lubas, seconded by Mr. DeGroot, to approve the May 18, 2010 minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Report from Recreation**

Mr. Lubas reviewed the report distributed at the meeting. In addition, he stated that Pendora Park rec center will be open during the summer Monday through Friday from 3-6 pm and will be run by the same staff as the winter program.

*Note: Mr. Lubas will be conducting first aid training for playground leaders, as he is Red Cross Certified.*

Mr. Smith questioned the cost of training each leader. Mr. Lubas stated that it would be approximately \$30 per person but there would be no certification due to time constraints.

Mr. Smith questioned the agreement with West Reading to use their tennis courts. Mr. Lubas stated that Reading programs will run three mornings per week and one morning per week, Reading staff will provide programming to West Reading youth in lieu of payment for the use of the tennis courts. He noted that Mr. Fromuth was integral in this agreement.

**10 Year Park and Open Space Plan**

Mr. Smith stated that ½ of City schools received surveys prior to the end of the school year. He stated that the remaining schools will receive their surveys after school begins this fall.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she will be compiling the results of the returned surveys during the summer months.

## **Old Business**

- Skateboard Park

Mr. Smith stated that he continues to lobby for improvements to the skateboard park.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that Pendora Park was rehabilitated in 2000 or 2001 but that the skateboard park was not included in that upgrade. She stated that the City grants coordinator believes that upgrades to the skateboard park would be eligible for grants from DCNR.

Mr. Smith stated that he has spoken with Steve Landes, Muhlenberg Township Manager, about their skateboard parks. He stated that as the park at Pendora is larger than those in Muhlenberg, that it may be possible to include apparatus for bikes as well as skaters.

Mr. Lubas stated that the skateboard park would need to become ADA compliant when improvements are made. This will add to the cost due to the terrain to enter.

Mr. Smith noted that he held a meeting several years ago with area youth about improvements to the skateboard park and there are many interested and willing to assist as necessary.

- Recreation Commission

Mr. Smith reported that the Reading School Board and City Council have approved resolutions authorizing the application for the peer-to-peer study to move forward with the formation of a Recreation Commission.

## **New Business**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

*Shelly Katzenmoyer*, Deputy City Clerk

Issues for follow up:

- Volleyball
- Dog Parks – Pendora, Angelica, City Park
- Jogging trails
- Checkerboard tables
- Adult exercise/yoga
- Hockey – roller/deck
- Mural program