

West Brandywine Township
Park and Recreation Board Meeting

February 22 2007

Call to Order: 7:10pm

Board Members:

Present: Joe Arvay, Michelle Benkovich, Mark Hartnett, Paula Kondracki.

Absent: Jeff Chalfant, Vanessa Barron

Note: Original meeting of Feb 13 2007 was cancelled due to weather and rescheduled Feb 22 at 7pm.

- **Previous Minutes**

Minutes for Jan 2007 were read

Motion to Accept: MH

Motion to second: JA

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- **Old Business:**

Bus trips- schedule presented

Annapolis-Sat. May 5; NYC On your own- Sat. June 16; Wicked @ Academy of Music-TBA; Culinary Inst of America/FDR Home Hyde Park –Sat. Oct 13
Residents to call Terri @township office, who will submit numbers to Tony in Caln.

Concerts-

Chester County Lawmen on August 5 in WB needs confirmation.
Uncertainty about a firm date for the Chester County Pops on Jun 24.
Discussion centered about alternate locations in case of rain
We should be able to make some money with a concession stand.

- **New Business:**

Sports fields- Paula presented a report

Ron Rambo has funds for a scoreboard. Jeff has had difficulty with contact at Giant Food about sponsorship. Ron wants to get this scoreboard ordered with or without sponsor. We don't believe other sponsors have been investigated. Field schedule is being handled by Jeff and Linda. Schedule is full through June. Discussion was raised about getting organizations to help with field maintenance.

Easter Egg Hunt- Michelle presented update about the egg hunt. Prize purchase is nearly complete. Date confirmed for March 31. Flyers are available for schools. Discussion about field setup and contacting Public Works for use of snow fence. Next meeting we will set a time and day to meet to complete the gift bag assembly. We may need poles and rope to separate the areas. Joe to contact Cub Scouts for assistance and Paula will contact Boy Scouts and her daughter to help. Paula presented the costs so far for the Easter egg hunt and sponsor dollars so far. There is no carryover of funds from 2006 due to the losses of previous years. We have just enough sponsor dollars to cover the costs. Coffee & donut expenses will be additional. Terri & Michelle will donate prize baskets.

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There are two generic prizes per age group. Numbers on eggs with marker pen for big prizes. 4000 eggs available; 3000 candy, 1000 with toy. Eggs to be scattered day of the event. A mega horn was suggested and Joe would do announcing. We would also contact Gary to assist us. It was suggested signs be posted.

Movie night-

Mark volunteered to head the Movie committee. Joe volunteered to work with him. Schedule of Fridays and Saturdays was distributed, with a list of possible movie titles. Movies were scheduled to avoid conflict with concerts, bus trips and Strawberry festival May 31- Jun 3 and prom night. Last weekend of June was suggested for Independence Day PG13, though it is a 2.5hr movie, to coincide with July 4th holiday the following week. Jun 29 Friday was chosen. Saturday June 9 was selected for Star Wars I. This should be first weekend of summer for school kids. Nights and titles for July/August were postponed to March meeting. Other titles suggested were Cars, Robots and Lion King.

Community Day- Paula volunteered to head Community Day committee. Joe offered to help along with all others. Open Space committee wants a booth as well as the Boy Scouts. It was suggested that non-profit and township groups have a no charge booth. Police Dept. will have bike derby same day. Discussion focused on entertainment and setting a suitable schedule. Paula presented the costs of last year from Fun Factory; Rotary Club for food, Polish Water Ice, Ponies; Mounted Horses; Bike Derby would be in lower parking area.

Possible music included Larry Rooney, string quartet, or even local bands of high school kids. Michelle also presented the idea to rent carnival-type booths including someone to run it. The booths would be for games to help draw older kids to our event. Costs start at around \$500 for four hours. Michelle to get further details on costs and prizes. Located in Bucks County. Also discussion on raffles to raise money and offer separate raffles for each prize rather than have first, second and third prizes.

Michelle passed around draft copy of letter to be sent out to other organizations soliciting volunteers. She also presented a draft letter to Ron asking to advise us on creating signs to advertise our events.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed.

Next meeting:

Parks & Rec. Board Tuesday Mar.13 7pm

Additional organizing meetings for community day.

Adjournment: 8:55pm

PREPARED BY: Mark Hartnett