

MINUTES FOR JUNE 2011 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Robert Garrenger and the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was made at that time.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Robert Garrenger, Aylin Green, John Duthie and Megan Ruf.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MINUTES

R. Garrenger led the Pledge of Allegiance and past minutes were unanimously approved.

ELY FIELD REQUEST

A request by the Girl Scouts to use a portion of Ely Field for an event scheduled for June 15 was unanimously approved, subject to the submission to the City Clerk of the customary paperwork including insurance, if any, and hold harmless agreement.

WINTER FESTIVAL

Barbara Fordyce addressed the commission concerning the Lambertville New Hope Winter festival and the need for closer communication and coordination with the commission, including the designation of a commission representative to serve on the Winterfest board of directors. Barbara indicated that future financial support of the commission by the festival will depend on improved coordination. Service on the board would entail attendance at quarterly and monthly meetings. The current level of commission support, which consists mostly of volunteer support for set up and take down activities, and this year the commission sponsored an event featuring refreshments but not in competition with local businesses, was discussed. The need for support from the Lambertville Chamber of Commerce, which enjoys significant benefits associated with the event, also was discussed. Suggestions were made as to appropriate candidates for the board of directors. Our representative needs to be finalized at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF CAVALLO PARK

Several issues associated with the commission's efforts to upgrade Cavallo Park were discussed. Most notably, the existence of poison ivy plants outside of the park but adjacent to the fence along the waterline was discussed. The possibility of establishing supplementary planning and community support for the park through a "Friends of Cavallo Park," similar to the very successful effort by the Friends of Mary Sheridan park, was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Duthie and seconded by Ms. Green.