

26 March 2009 PVCA meeting
Notes

1. Presentation by Lindsay Taylor, LMT Director of Parks and Recreation at. Discussion of the renovation of the Belmont Hills Hockey Rink, which affects those on Smith Drive. Project involving a total renovation will be going forward in 2009. Other issues discussed related to parks and recreation:
 - a. Rolling Hill Dog Park area—from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week, if dog properly permitted, dogs may run offleash (limited to 2 dogs per person). Residents can apply for permits through the Parks and Recreation website on the Township's website.
 - b. Discussion of purchase of 8 acres near the Comcast building ("the Westminster parcel"); objective to create a second dog park there.

2. Commissioner Mark Taylor update:
 - a. LMT has come to agreement with Mr. Spaventa regarding a 2-acre parcel of land behind Mel's restaurant to become open space. Issue regarding land which is currently being used for Mel's parking. That property connects to the northern part of the Croyle parcel.
 - b. A deer study was completed, and is published on the township website. The study found an average of 126 deer per square mile. State game commission said average should be in the range of 6-10. Result is that there will be a controlled culling of the deer population from December to April in the coming year on township-owned land. There will be some opportunity for private landowners to have deer populations culled. Funds still need to be found and allocated.
 - c. The Ardmore revitalization negotiations with Carl Dranoff are proceeding. Urban Engineers have been hired to do the first phase, the train station (working with Dranoff).
 - d. Update on Belmont Avenue construction. In light of PennDOT holding up funds for this project possibly till 2013, the Township is attempting to get stimulus money for the project.
 - e. Swimming pool fees will not increase at Belmont Hills or Ardmore this year.
 - f. Sewer line on River Road near completion. This work was done to take care of the problem of septic tanks leaking into the Schuylkill.
 - g. Township budget: Township is currently looking for \$16 million to refinance debt service, which will result in potentially large savings for the Township. Mark notes that the township is down 17 staff in unfilled positions to save money.
 - h. Action item: Leaching of water into Pen Croyd parcel. Mark will follow up with township staff to report the sighting.

3. Treasurer's report:

Current Balance of \$15,292.49.

i. Recent Expenses:

1. donation to Welsh Valley fund
 2. Landscaping of the PV triangles bill came due
 3. Party—cost more than \$1,000
 4. Treasurer noted that dues continue to come in as a result of the past September mailing.
4. Resident Greg Mundy brought up the issue of whether homes in our area would be eligible for state grants for solar and other alternative energy forms, and whether there is any interest in residents combining efforts to seek these grants.
5. Discussion of Earth Day and whether and how PVCA will participate. City work crews have helped pick up litter in various areas and done other projects.
6. Steve Selinger (our PVCA president elect, and a member of the Friends of Cynwyd trail) asked that PVCA give Friends of Cynwyd trail as much support as we can. Suggestion that someone from the Friends of Cynwyd group present to PVCA at our April meeting.