

**Borough of Wormleysburg**  
**RECREATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Tues., 6/2/15**

Members Present: Linda Fraver, George Kahler, Adam Nelson, Sue Stuart, Margie Stuski

Community Attendance: Joe Deklinski, Supervisor of Fields

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers.
2. Mr. Deklinski brought forward two requests for use of the fields from:
  - a. The Mid-Penn Suns, a girls softball and showcase franchise, would like to use the park on June 16, 2015. They understand the requirements to use the space, including user fees and electricity.
  - b. The New Cumberland Boys Baseball Club wants the field during the week of June 8-12 to prepare for a travel game on their calendar.

On motion made by Mr. Kahler and seconded by Ms. Fraver, the request to use the fields as outlined above was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion turned to the importance of developing a strategic master plan to enhance Redding Park, including:
  - a. More appropriate use of the tennis court. Options include: an extension area for the football field, a covered basketball court, a general purpose building, or additional parking.
  - b. Clean up and painting of the restrooms and concession stand building.
  - c. Clean up and painting the pavilion. It was agreed this should be done in time for the 200th Founders Day on 9/19/15. Color scheme should be dark green and tan.
  - d. Renovations to the press box should be done this year. Repairs include shingling the roof, replacing the warped door with a pre-hung frame door, general clean up, and other repairs as needed.
  - e. A regular weekly schedule to mulch at all the parks under the playground equipment is also a priority. Several committee members have personally received complaints from residents who have been unable to use the equipment because the mulch provides a safety cushion for young children, and families do not feel comfortable using the equipment without it.

On motion made by Ms Stuski and seconded by Ms Stuart, the Recreation Board in consultation with the Supervisor of Fields unanimously agreed to: (1) ask how soon the Public Works crew could accomplish the needed work, (2) to seek proposals for any renovations or repairs that cannot be accomplished by the Public Works crew in time for Founders Day, and (3) to establish a schedule of maintenance days for cleanup at Redding Park that would be open to volunteers to help with the work.

4. The Supervisor of Fields reported that the trees near the field at Redding Park have been trimmed, which permits light to shine directly on the field.
5. Mr. Deklinski noted that he found a large quantity of baseball equipment in storage as he was cleaning up at the Redding Park. It appears this gear is appropriate to outfitting adolescents to play baseball. After discussion, it was agreed that these items should be inventoried and valued.

On motion made by Ms. Stuski and seconded by Mr. Nelson, a motion to authorize the Supervisor of Fields to assess the equipment and offer it for sale at fair market value was unanimously approved. It was further amended and unanimously agreed that any income earned from the sale should be returned to underwrite the cost of renovations at Redding Park as noted in #3.

6. Upcoming events include:
  - a. Founders Day on 9/19/15. Events include a parade, antique cars, scout troops, and celebrations in the park. Park activities will include: cake for participants, presentations by local historians, etc.
  - b. Halloween party on 10/24/15, to include the magician and pumpkin decorating.
  - c. Holiday tree lighting on 12/5/15.
  - d. Kids Christmas party on 12/19/15.
  - e. The group discussed reinstating the holiday house decorating contest, which was very popular in past years.
7. The need to publicize the events calendar prompted a discussion about overall marketing. It was noted that the newsletter cost had exceeded the expectations set by the company promoting the service. The Rec Board suggests that the Admin Committee review the situation. Improving the website should also be a priority in time for promoting Founders Day activities.
8. Mr. Nelson noted that he has a personal interest in assessing the status of regional flood insurance. He has been reviewing FEMA data on communities with repetitive losses, which is tied to the Community Rating System. The hazard mitigation plan was recently adopted as required by Cumberland County. His research is used to seek higher discounts on flood insurance, which would generate savings for borough residents. Several members noted that they have heard complaints from residents whose flood insurance cost has escalated substantially since the rating system changed.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Stuart, Council Member, Borough of Wormleysburg