

Date: January 12th, 2006
Meetings: Every second Thursday of the month
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Next Meeting: February 9th, 2006

Trenton Municipal Pool Foundation

Attendees

Pat Callahan
Brent Haukapp
Sue Quitmeyer
Kelly Whilhelm
Evonne Timmermann
Dave Quitmeyer
Sue Quitmeyer
Jeanette Ford
Chandra Zeisset

Fundraisers

Family Day at the Matinee

Sue Quitmeyer talked about the fund raiser for January. Spread the word!!
\$221 for the movie license
Sunday, January 29, 2006 at 2:00
50/50 with the Optimists Club
Movie: Are We There Yet?

Superbowl Sunday Fund Raiser

It was decided that it is too late to figure out a fundraiser for Superbowl Sunday. We will research to see if a food fundraiser is worth looking into for a future day in the spring.

Silent Auction/Chicken & Beer Dance

A thought for a fundraiser?

Breakfast/Brunch at the Winery in May for Mother's Day.

Joanne Donaro is researching getting the Winery. Pat has asked that we get together with Joanne to see what is happening and how we can help out to get this set and start to advertise.

Golf Scramble

Evonne Timmermann will research/book course and the how to's of a golf scramble. Brent Haukapp, Kelly Whilhelm (baskets), Jeanette Ford, Doug Denaro, Brent Woods help will set up. Lunch (braut) and dinner will be expected.

Treasurer Report

Summary of donations and fundraising activities:

Donations	\$1,000.00
Harvest Moon Festival	\$ 663.79
Float-In	\$1,936.96
Dances	\$ 273.32
Membership fees	\$ 175.00
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Total	\$4,049.07

Summary of miscellaneous expenses:

Park booster dance - basket	\$ 54.00
Christmas walk - wreath	\$ 50.00
Trenton Fest - deposit	\$ 500.00
IRS - 1023 application fee	\$ 150.00
George Kruse, CPA - tax advice	\$ 322.00
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Total	\$1,076.00

Cash balance at January 12, 2006 \$2,973.07

Park Board Meeting Discussion
By Brent Woods

This communication is a follow up with what happened at the December meeting of the Trenton Park Board. Dave Quitmeyer and Doug Denaro attended as TMPF representatives and I was there as a park board member.

Dave, Doug, or I brought up the following concerns/ideas. After each I've included what I recall was said/resolved.

1) Bath House Improvements including stall partitions, lighting, and wall crack repair. - Park Board member Dennis Deikemper suggested that in a couple of months he and possibly other Park Board members will meet with TMPF members at the bath house to inspect and discuss some improvements or repairs we'd like to see. I think this is encouraging. TMPF will need to get a small group together and probably remind Dennis and the Park Board when a good time to meet is decided. On the issues of the cracks in the bath house walls it was mentioned that the city council should be approached to see if they are willing to help in repair of city "owned" buildings and structures (without it coming out of the park board budget I would assume). There are apparently cracks in the baseball diamond #1 concession stand and dugout so I'll keep up with what happens there and keep the bath house wall repair tied to the concession stand and dugout repair. I believe the park board was going to approach city council. I'll follow up next park board meeting (Monday, Jan 23, 7pm, City Hall).

2) Concession stand at the pool - This request didn't get much positive backing from the park board members other than myself in my opinion. Spending money to add any structure out of which concessions could be sold appeared to be something that most of the park board members didn't want to commit to given the unknown viability of the bath house (and pool). I brought up that concessions were something that TMPF thought might enhance the pool experience and that wouldn't it be possible to sell from the existing vending machine area. It wasn't shot down but it also didn't appear to be a task that the park board would be willing to do which would include hiring someone to manage and oversee it. The whole idea just didn't seem to go very far. I'll detail my thoughts on this and some other things later after I've went through the other points that were discussed.

3) Adult swim time - Park Board member Cindy Alexander said that adult swim time has been offered in the past and wasn't really utilized. The discussion ended there because there's not much else to add to her comment if that's a fact.

4) Earlier open time - Cindy said she had looked into this before and couldn't find a way to make it work because of the time it takes each morning for the swim team practice, swim lessons, and daily morning pool cleaning. Again I pointed out that we thought it would be an experience enhancer for the pool. I questioned whether some of the cleaning could take place in the evenings before close to free up time in the morning. The point just didn't appear to go very far with most park board members. A point was made that most pools in the area open at 1 PM so I guess that means Trenton has to do the same without any attempt to be different than others. I didn't like the fact that there wasn't much discussion on how to make it happen but possibly I don't fully understand everything involved. I'll add more below about this.

5) Adding a slide at the pool - Doug D. mentioned he had a slide and wondered if it could be used at the pool. Cindy Alexander asked about whether it needed a water hookup as is the case with most of the slides she has investigated in the past. The answer wasn't really known but it was mentioned that the insurance factor needs to be addressed with the city council. I'll follow up next meeting to ensure that has been done because I don't remember who was going to do that but it wasn't me.

6) Adding a water meter to better determine "pool only" water usage - Dennis Deikemper said such a water meter is in the 2,000 dollar range and that pretty much ended the discussion. Apparently when the Park Booster organization added a grass infield to diamond #1 a new water meter was either purchased or obtained by the Booster organization so Dennis is very familiar with the costs involved.

And now for my added thoughts. Don't take what happened at the December park board meeting to mean the park board doesn't care about the pool. Dennis seemed very receptive to looking at a few bath house improvements. I also think we can cause some things to happen if we do the planning and handle the work. An example would be the concessions. I think our group, TMPF, may have to be the ones to run a concession stand if that's possible. I think it's impossible to think we could do it every day but maybe on special days such as Friday we could provide that service with volunteer labor. For earlier open time we are going to have to be the group to devise how it could work if we want it to happen. To sum it up I think the park board would be willing to give the okay for some things as long as we are responsible for planning and executing those plans. We need to be the ones to show how something can be done to get it past the park board. That's my opinion based on being at a couple of meetings. I think there's some question about how our group intends to help the pool but we can answer those by earning some money and putting some of it into pool improvements so that we don't lose our existing one while we plan for a new one.

I hope this wasn't too long. We can discuss more at the TMPF meeting on the 12th if needed. I hope that Doug and Dave would clarify and add their thoughts on the meeting with the park board in December if they differ from what I outlined above.

Discussion from Park Board Meeting

Review current pools layout for improvements

Pat, Brent, Kelly, Doug – Noon meet at pool on Monday to see if we can move the fence to add more shaded space to the pool area. They will also review if the area where the vending machines are to see if a concession stand can be used there.

Some thoughts on how we can help

Purchase equipment to use for certain times and advertise, pool sports from 1 – 2 or some other times. We need to advertise times and we need to put up signs with pools phone number.

Improvements to pool – run an art contest – design for painting the pool.

Purchase some chairs, lounge chairs and Adirondack chairs and a shade area? Could we move the fence back on the south side of the pool to include the shaded area into the pool area.

We need to look at the Mascoutah pool to see what they did to their pool.

Kelly brought up what Highland does and how their lifeguards manage a concession stand.

We will see if the place where the current vending machines are can be used for a concession stand, vending machines moved. The money raised would go back into the concession money.

Web Site

It was discussed that there are not many hits on the web site right now. We realized (with great regret) that we never announced it in the paper that the Zeissets donated the web site to us. We will take a picture showing the web site to send to the paper to tell about WebsDotCom donating the web site to the foundation. Once again, thank you to them for this huge donation!!!

Action Items

- Pat will talk with Alicia Horner about a schedule for the pool to see if it can open sooner in the day than 1:00.
- Meet at pool to discuss moving fence and where concession area could be.
- Evonne will get with her friend to find out what we need to do for a golf scramble
- Evonne will book a course for a golf scramble. **(UPDATE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS, it will be May 21st at the golf course in Lebanon)**
- Brent Woods will remind Clint Maue about researching insurance.
- Pat will call New Baden to find out about their slide.
- Doug will find out what is required for the slide (electricity, pump,...)
- Dave will phone Mascoutah to look at their pool and possibly get their plans/cost break down.
- Brent Woods will ask if we can add to the job description of the lifeguards that they will sell things at 3:00 until 3:15.
- Brent will see if their (parks) concession manager will manager ordering for this as well.
- Kelly and Jeanette are to look at Mascoutah web site to see if they have anything on their web site about it