

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD - JANUARY 12, 2006 - 7:30PM

Members present: Jon Apple, Chairman  
Dan Kell, Vice Chairman  
Rick Lambrecht, Treasurer  
Jane James, Secretary  
Andy Leszczynski  
Nick Lupinacci  
Shirley Myers.

Others present : Ken Bennington, Township Manager  
Salvatore Carlo, DeLuca Homes; Scott Mill, Van Cleef  
Engineering; Jessica Woll, Fox Rothchild (for Coventry  
Meadows II/Metzger Tract); copies of business  
cards, pg. #3  
Lawrence Owen (architect) Chuck Kulesza, Beverly  
Slifer, Hilltown Historical Society for Hartzel  
Strassburger Home

MINUTES: The minutes of November 10, 2005, and December 8, 2005, were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Lambrecht presented the P&R portion of the township budget as of December 31, 2005, as follows: \$169,353.00 less \$52,553.63 leaves a balance of \$116,796.37, approved subject to audit.

CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

METZGER TRACT/COVENTRY MEADOWS II: Mr. Carlo, DeLuca Homes, Mr. Mill, Van Cleef Engineering, and Ms. Woll, Fox Rothchild, proposed to P&R the following: The Homeowner's Association retain ownership of the open space connected to the Coventry Meadows II development with trail easements shown on plan drawn by Van Cleef Engineering, dated October 31, 2005, and revised December 31, 2005, to be granted to Hilltown Township in perpetuity to be used by the public and residents of Hilltown Township in a manner deemed in accordance with the laws of trail usage within Hilltown Township.

RECOMMENDATION #1-06: METZGER TRACT/COVENTRY MEADOWS II - THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK and RECREATION BOARD recommends the future Homeowner's Association of Coventry Meadows II (Metzger tract) retain ownership of the open space giving trail easement in perpetuity to Hilltown Township, as shown on the plan dated October 31, 2005, revised December 19, 2005, by Van Cleef Engineering, to be utilized by the public and residents in accordance with the laws and ordinances of Hilltown Township.

## OLD BUSINESS:

FOREST ROAD PARK: Mr. Kell said he would check with Haines and Kibblehouse regarding a liaison between them and the township for the work to begin at Forest Road Park this spring, 2006.

NANCY GUILLESPIE THEATER CAMP: Ms. Myers advised P&R she had contacted Mr. Krieder in December and he was unable to attend. Ms. Myers will contact Tony Luna at Pearl S. Buck International regarding space for a theater camp sponsored by Hilltown Township, production company to be announced. Information on "Mad Science Camp" will be looked into also. Dutch Country Playhouse, Sellersville Elementary, and Montgomery Theater were discussed as options. Mr. Apple stressed the need for commitment if the theater camp is to be realized in 2006. Mr. Lupinacci said the township should have child abuse clearances on the production company participants which was enforced by the P&R board. Ms Myers volunteered to attend the theater camp to assist and be their as a representative for Hilltown Park and Recreation.

## NEW BUSINESS:

## 2006 HILLTOWN PARK &amp; RECREATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 8, 2006, (rain date April 15, 2006) 10:00 AM. P&R board members will fill candy eggs at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 6, 2006, 7:30 PM.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY: Monday, May 29, 2006, 10:00 AM, at the Civic Park.

HALLOWEEN FEST: Saturday, October 28, 2006, (rain date Sunday, October 29, 2006) 2:00 PM.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Bennington advised P&R that the plaque for the tree planted in memory of Jack Fox is expected soon; also one for the bench placed at Civic Park placed in memory of Robert Minninger. He also suggested P&R think about a trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the township.

PUBLIC COMMENT: MUSSLEMAN LOG CABIN - Three members of the Historical Society of Hilltown township, Laurence Owen (architect), Beverly Slifer and Chuck Kulesza, discussed the prospect of moving the Musselman Log Cabin. It was agreed the most sensible relocation would be on the property of the township facilities. When restored, it would offer a safe and highly visible historic landmark for both residents and visitors of Hilltown Township. The northeast side of the cabin has suffered the damage of neglect and should have protection prior to renovation. It will be a costly project and grant monies should

## PUBLIC COMMENT (con'd.)

be explored. Because of the cabin's intrinsic history as one of the oldest barn/residence buildings of Welch construction, it would be a great loss to Hilltown if not restored. P&R is eager to see this project reach fruition and invited the Historical Society members to attend their meeting on February 9, 2006, to discuss it further. The log cabin, presently resides at the Civic Park where it was first relocated many years ago. Its formal name is HARTZEL-STRASSBURGER HOME and a grant in the amount of \$19,900.00 was awarded to the Historical Society to restore and maintain irreplaceable structures. This Community Development grant will be used for preliminary repairs by the Historical Society.

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*Jessica R Woll  
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ADJOURNED: 9:00 PM

Recorded and transcribed by J. James, Secretary