

Upper Pottsgrove Township  
Open Space Committee  
April 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes

In attendance were Chairman Herbert Miller, Dennis Elliott and Nancy Toothaker. Marie Novack and Peter Dolan were absent. Also in attendance were Greg Churach and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**I. Call to Order:** Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Ms. Toothaker moved that the March 23, 2009 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Elliott seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

**III. Reports:**

No reports were provided.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Proposed Prince/Austerberry Master Plan**

Mr. Layne noted that the Board of Commissioners had decided not to move forward at the present time during their April 6, 2009 meeting on the preparation and submittal of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for funding for the Prince/Austerberry Properties Sprogels Run Trail Development Project. He added that the proposed Prince/Austerberry Master Plan was approved by the Commissioners that night. Comments by the Committee on this matter included the following:

- Mr. Elliott suggested that the Prince/Austerberry area remain passive and that a name be selected for this area.
- Ms. Toothaker also emphasized that the park should remain a natural preserve area.
- It was noted that Mr. Dolan had recommended that the name of the proposed park be “Resident Park” at a recent Open Space Committee meeting.
- The Committee suggested that other names be considered as well. These included: Natural Area, Sprogels Run Natural Area, Sprogels Run Nature Trail, Sprogels Run Park, etc.
- Following additional discussion on the naming of the proposed park area, there was a consensus by the Committee that the Pottsgrove Middle School be contacted to assist with selecting a name for the park area. Ms. Toothaker volunteered to lead this effort. There was a suggestion that a prize (e.g., Reading Phillies tickets) be provided to the winning suggestion and that the individual providing the winning selection be asked to assist in the cutting of the ribbon for the opening of the park area.

- There was a consensus that the park benches be made of natural materials, such as fallen trees, etc.

**V. New Business**

- Chairman Miller requested that Mr. Layne contact Montgomery County to obtain an update on the status of the funding to be received from Montgomery County from the Mocharniuk Park project.
- Mr. Layne stated that he would be meeting with Scout A.J. Ebersole on April 21, 2009 to discuss his proposed efforts to construct park benches for the Goose Run Trail.
- Mr. Churach reported on his efforts to upgrade the Stauffer property. He commented that the Dogwood Trees were not doing very well on his property at the present time. He added that they would like to invite the Open Space Committee to his home and property area after they had completed the proposed improvements to the property.

**VI. Executive Session**

The Committee moved into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M.

**VII. Adjourn**

Ms. Toothaker moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 P.M. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Next Meeting 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 14, 2009**

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager