

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD
September 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Jill Ludy, Dennis Elliott, Ralph Freed and the newly appointed Greg Churach. Also present were Herbert Miller, Jr., Commissioner and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ludy moved that the August 18, 2010 meeting minutes be approved with the following revision: "...**Old Business B.** Ms. Thompson (and not Ms. Ludy) stated she had been in contact with Michael regarding his providing music from 11:00 A.M to 3 P.M. at Heather Place Park...". Mr. Freed seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Reports

A. Mr. Freed discussed the proposed pavilion for 1401 N. Charlotte Street. He stated that he had recently contacted SMS Builders and they had provided him with a cost estimate of \$6,300 to provide a 14 foot by 26 foot pavilion with a hip roof. He added that they stated that they could provide a stone base and concrete flooring for an additional \$2,200 and aluminum gutter and two downspouts for \$500. Therefore, the total cost of a pavilion provided by SMS Builders having a concrete floor, aluminum gutter and two downspouts is \$9,000. Mr. Freed stated that the location of a pavilion would have to be determined. Mr. Elliott suggested that the timber from the existing building at the site could be used. It was noted that the use of existing timber might impact on the warranty that SMS Builders would provide for the pavilion. Mr. Freed stated that he would provide a plot plan. Ms. Ludy suggested that the pavilion should be located farther back than the existing building. Mr. Freed proposed that the 26 foot portion of the pavilion might run parallel to the road. Mr. Elliott suggested the use of shrubbery that would provide adequate shielding for the use of the Port-a-Potty by those who were handicapped.

B. Mr. Freed noted that woodchips and stone had been provided at Sunset Park. Mr. Freed suggested that 2A Modified Stone be placed on the trail area located at Sunset Park due to accumulated glass problems at this location. He also noted that there was a large trash pile located behind a large Spruce Tree at Sunset Park.

C. Chairperson Thompson stated that congratulations were in order for the appointment of Mr. Churach to the Open Space and Recreation Board by the Board of Commissioners. And, she thanked past Vice Chairperson Dave Crock for the services that he had provided to the Township over the years.

4. Old Business

A. Open Space Acquisition Update

Mr. Elliott stated that there had been discussion regarding open space being provided to the Township in an area located close to Sussell Park. He stated that a letter was to be provided granting this land area to the Township. He added that Mr. Miller would be meeting with the Ott family.

B. Community Day Planning and Programmatic Update

The Board discussed the upcoming Community Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Heather Place Park. The exhibits and programs that had been confirmed to date for this event were the following:

- A Petting Zoo
- The Pampered Chef
- Tri-County Association
- J.P. Mascaro & Sons
- A.J. Blosenski
- Bankers' Life & Casualty
- The Boobie Nation
- Alex's Lemonade Stand
- The Hillside Aquatic Swimming Club
- Pottsgrove High School Football players
- Cradle of Liberty Boy Scouts
- The Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Company
- The Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Company Auxiliary
- Premier Dance Studio
- Kona Ice
- Fish Pond
- Face Painting
- Michael making music rocking rhythms from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.
- The Community Band will perform from 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
- The Masons to provide the CHIP Program
- Legislative representatives including Senator John Rafferty and Representative Thomas Quigley; Congressman Charles Dent would be sending representative and material.
- Comcast may provide a table.

It was noted that an ADA accessible Porta-Potty and a dozen tables and 24 chairs would be needed.

5. New Business

A. Following a brief discussion on this matter, Mr. Elliott nominated Mr. Freed to serve as the new Vice Chairperson, in replacement of past

member Dave Crock. Ms. Ludy seconded this motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Mr. Elliott noted that the Public Works Department had removed the boulders that had been placed on the foot bridge located between Hollenbach and Mocharniuk.

C. Mr. Freed noted that he had looked at the Heather Place Park pavilion regarding the reported bird droppings problem. He stated that the birds could only sit along the electrical conduit.

D. Mr. Elliott noted that the driveway and asphalt at the Hollenbach entry way appeared to be more level.

E. Mr. Elliott suggested the use of dusk-to-dawn solar-powered lights with a motion detector for the pavilion that is proposed to be located at 1401 Charlotte Street.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Elliott moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:41 P.M. Ms. Ludy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 10, 2010