

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD
November 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Jill Ludy, Dennis Elliott, Ralph Freed and Greg Churach. Also present was 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

Chairwoman Thompson recommended that the September 8, 2010 meeting minutes be revised to show that the next meeting date was November 10, 2010 and not October 13, 2010. Ms. Ludy moved that the September 8, 2010 meeting minutes be approved with this proposed revision. Mr. Freed seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Reports

A. It was noted that Commissioner Herbert Miller had provided a memorandum regarding information provided by *Positively!Pottstown* and enclosures for the Board.

B. It was also noted that a letter was provided to the Board from Mr. Miller to Dawn Evans regarding her property on North Hanover.

C. Mr. Layne stated that the Township had recently submitted a grant application for funding to the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation for \$6,000 in funding for the construction of the initial portion of the Sprogels Run Pedestrian Trail.

4. Old Business

A. Heather Place Pavilion

Mr. Freed stated that the proposed painting of the pavilion would require two coats of good primer. He added that he would review the condition of the roof.

B. Pedestrian Trails

Mr. Layne reported that Lower Pottsgrove Township had not made any new progress on their pedestrian trail project.

B. Community Day Update

- Chairwoman Thompson stated that Community Day went well. Mr. Layne reported that the Township had received \$1,000 in donations towards Community Day (e.g., \$500 from PECO and \$500 from Exelon). He added that through the ingenuity of Chairwoman Thompson an additional \$145 was provided from vendors. Chairwoman Thompson stated that the next Community Day would be held on October 1, 2011. She also stated that she would discuss food issues (i.e., barbeque) with the Fire Company Women's Auxiliary prior to next year's Community Day.

5. New Business

A. Sunset Park

It was noted that the building at 1401 N. Charlotte had been removed by a contractor. There was a brief discussion on the possible location for a proposed pavilion near Sunset Park. Mr. Freed and Mr. Churach stated that they would more closely examine this matter, i.e., extending the water and electrical conduit to the pavilion, etc. There was discussion regarding the need to obtain and utilize woodchips on the pedestrian trail (e.g., the Sprogels Run Trail) in Sunset Park. It was noted that Pottstown Recycled Materials might be a location for procuring the woodchips. It was further noted that the use of the woodchips might help to resolve the erosion issue.

B. Dr. Narij Patel

Chairwoman Thompson stated that Dr. Patel had spoken to her at Community Day regarding his possible interest in supporting the development of exercise stations for seniors in the Township.

C. 2011 Annual Budget

The proposed 2011 Annual Budget was distributed to the Board for their review. Mr. Layne noted that the Board of Commissioners was scheduled to vote on this matter at their December 6, 2010 meeting.

D. Notes from Commissioner Miller

Chairwoman Thompson stated that Commissioner Miller requested that attention be provided to the Arborvitae growing at Sunset Park. Mr. Freed stated that he would contact Mr. Miller regarding an endeavor to remove this problem from Sunset Park.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Ludy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:42 P.M. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 11, 2010