

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD
March 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Jill Ludy, Dennis Elliott, Ralph Freed and Greg Churach. Also present were Ed Windrim, Rob Deckert, Matthew Dallas, Dave O'Brien and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ludy moved that the November 10, 2010 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. New Business

A. Comments from organizations utilizing Township parks

Representatives of the Pottsgrove Soccer Club (e.g., Mr. Windrim and Mr. Deckert) and the Pottsgrove Little League (e.g., Mr. Dallas and Mr. O'Brien) were in attendance.

Chairwoman Thompson stated that the Pottsgrove School District should consider providing stone and maintenance efforts towards repairing and fortifying the stone entry-way at Hollenbach Park. She added that the bulk of the damage to this entry-way is a result of the heavy bus traffic from the school district into the park area.

Chairwoman Thompson requested that those who utilize Hollenbach Park and the other Township parks help to maintain a clean park area by having the soccer and baseball participants pick up the trash each time that it is found at the park area after they finish practicing or playing their games.

There was a brief discussion on Hoffman Field and how it would be converted into an all-purpose field in the future.

The Pottsgrove Little League's season will begin in mid-April and end in June.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the Pottsgrove Little League would like to utilize the upper baseball field at Kulp Field as well this year and that they would attempt to improve the field area.

Mr. O'Brien stated that they would attempt to rebuild and improve the batting cage.

Mr. O'Brien added that the fence located at Kulp Field near the backstop area needed to be tightened with clamps.

After Mr. Dallas requested assistance from the Township to have electrical connections installed in the baseball field scoreboard, Mr. Churach and Mr. Freed volunteered to assist with this effort.

The Board requested that the J.P. Mascaro be contacted regarding their placing a dumpster at Kulp Field prior to Opening Day, which is April 16th.

The Soccer Club noted that the shed located at Hollenbach Field needed to be improved. They also requested that a Porta-Potty be provided at Hollenbach Park by the last weekend of March.

Pottsgrove Baseball representatives requested that a Porta-Potty be provided at Kulp Field.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the snack bar may be provided at Kulp Field provided that there are an ample number of volunteers that would handle this endeavor.

Mr. Dallas stated that the infield area at Kulp Field needed to be leveled.

4. Reports

A. Mr. Churach noted that Mrs. Stauffer had passed away since the last Board meeting. He stated that her children would be providing him with a history of her property that he acquired (e.g., 144 Snyder Road).

B. Mr. Churach stated that since the last Board meeting the Township had an opportunity to obtain free dirt for Sunset Park. Unfortunately, the Township was not able to obtain the dirt due to distance problems.

C. Mr. Elliott stated that the Township should request wood chips.

4. Old Business

A. Chairwoman Thompson stated that she planned to attend the Schuylkill Watershed Congress program on Saturday, March 12th.

B. Chairwoman Thompson stated that she had spoken with a Dave Dempsey who had stated that he could provide volunteers to help remove the vines at 1401 Charlotte Street.

C. Chairwoman Thompson stated that she had followed-up with Dr. Niraj Patel who had expressed a desire to provide work stations at a Township park. Mr. Layne stated he would contact Dr. Patel regarding this matter.

D. Mr. Layne stated that he was coordinating efforts for the preparation and submittal of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

E. Chairwoman Thompson stated that the Township calendar needed to be updated to show that Community Day is scheduled for October 1, 2011.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Ludy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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