

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD
September 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ludy moved that the July 13, 2011 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Reports

A. It was noted that Public Works Department staff had removed approximately 80% of the vines at 1401 N. Charlotte. Mr. Miller noted that two trees needed to be removed.

B. Chairwoman Thompson stated that the Township needed to focus on specific open space endeavors. She noted that the construction of a Sunset Park bridge(s) and the repair of the Heather Place Park pavilion should be priority items.

4. Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:31 P.M. to discuss possible real estate acquisitions. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:03 P.M.

5. Old Business

A. Community Day

Prior to listing the following entities that were scheduled to participate in the October 1, 2011 Community Day program, Chairwoman Thompson requested that Police Chief Moffett provide ID tags for Open Space and Recreation Board members participating in Community Day:

- The Petting Zoo
- Reginald Leister to provide an emergency management/radio display and that he requested access to electricity
- Mike of Making Music Rocking Rhythms
- Pottstown Band
- Helicopter
- Fire Company vehicles and display
- Police vehicle
- Mason's ID program
- Dr. Patel
- Boy Scout Troop 139
- Pampered Chef

- Lady's Auxiliary for the UPT Fire Company
- Medical Helicopter

6. New Business

A. Mr. Miller noted that much debris needed to be cleaned up in Sunset Park as a result of the heavy rains received by the area. He stated that a dumpster would be needed to cleanup this debris.

B. Mr. Miller stated that the proposed dock or pier not be provided at Sunset Park due to a number of factors. He noted that the water and muck in the pond area was like quicksand and a danger to youth or anyone fishing or walking in or near this area.

C. There was discussion as to whether the Township Engineer, Peter Eisenbrown, should be requested to estimate the cost for repairing the pavilion.

D. It was noted that a split rail fence was needed for Sunset Park.

E. Ms. Ludy stated that there were Eagle Scout candidates but that specific projects needed to be identified for them to complete in order to become an Eagle Scout.

F. It was noted that the dirt placed at the Malfaro property had been inadvertently flattened out.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

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

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 9, 2011