

**OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD**  
**January 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Greg Churach and Dennis Elliott. Jill Ludy and Ralph Freed were absent. Also present were Rebecca Moussa, Vishal Patel, Herbert C. Miller, Jr., Commissioner, Byron Kutz, Jeff Owens, and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

**2. Public Comment**

Mr. Patel discussed his proposal to request that the Township allow for the Spartans Cricket Club to utilize Township park land to play cricket games on. Chairwoman Thompson stated that perhaps Hollenbach Park may be an area where a cricket field could be provided. It was also noted that the Bealer open space area off of Pine Ford Road might be a possible site for this endeavor. The Board requested that if permission is granted to use a Township site that the area should be cleaned up after each game. Mr. Patel agreed to do so. Mr. Patel stated that their cricket playing season would begin in March. Mr. Miller suggested that he and Mr. Patel meet in the field to look at possible playing locations in order to more accurately determine proposed and actual field conditions, dimensions, etc. Mr. Patel agreed to do so.

**3. New Business**

**A. Discussion regarding a request to use parks for baseball**

Mr. Kutz and Mr. Owens requested that the ChesMont Baseball League be allowed to play baseball once per week on the baseball field located near the Hillside Aquatic Club. Chairwoman Thompson stated that they could speak with representatives of the Pottsgrove Little League (PGLL) regarding this matter since Kulp Field where they desire to play is already being utilized by PGLL. They begin playing their games in April. They agreed to discuss this matter with PGLL representatives.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Discussion regarding a proposal to provide a concession stand**

Ms. Moussa addressed the Board regarding a PGLL proposal to provide a concession stand at the Kulp Field site. She stated that it was essential that water and electricity be provided at this proposed concession stand site. Chairwoman Thompson expressed concern with how they would be able to dispose of the water utilized within the concession stand. Mr. Churach suggested that they contact Hillside Aquatic Club representatives to discuss electrical and water needs. He also stated that there may be various options for providing a pad for the proposed concession stand.

It was noted that this and the other proposed endeavors (i.e., Cricket Club and ChesMont proposals) would be addressed at the next Open Space and Recreation Board meeting.

**5. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Churach moved that the November 9, 2011 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Following a brief discussion, the Board requested that Pete Eisenbrown, LTL Engineer, move forward in providing more specific information regarding the proposed trail.

**6. Executive Session**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:22 P.M. and it was moved by Mr. Elliott at 8:45 P.M. to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**7. Reports**

**A.** Mr. Miller distributed a report to the Board detailing recent work provided by Greg Maynard and the Public Works Department. He stated that Modified 2a was dumped at the Hollenbach Park entrance and was then spread out by Mr. Maynard.

He noted that a large pipe was installed in a large crevice.

He added that three piles of dumped dirt at Hoffman Field would be removed and taken to the north end of Sunset Park.

He stated that there were three fallen trees on the perimeter of the parking side of Hoffman Field.

His additional observations included two piles of limbs/sticks that need removal at Sunset Park, plastic bags and paper/cups lying along the perimeter of the first field on Hollenbach Park, the trash containers at Macharniuk and Hollenbach need to be periodically checked, as weather permits the piles of dirt at the north end of Sunset Park will be pushed against the bank and suggested that Chairwoman Thompson and Elwood Taylor and anyone else interested meet and walk down Fox Run from North Hanover to Sprogels Run.

**B.** Mr. Churach stated that there was much litter being discarded in the area of Schwenk and Snyder Roads. He requested that the Township provide no litter signs that perhaps could be added to existing signs. Mr. Miller agreed with his suggestion.

**C.** Mr. Miller suggested that it should be emphasized that Board members should attend scheduled Board meetings on a consistent basis.

**8. Adjournment**

Mr. Churach moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 P.M. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012**