

**OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD**  
**May 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Jill Ludy, Greg Churach and Ralph Freed. Dennis Elliott was absent. Also present were Commissioner Herbert C. Miller, Jr., Pastor Bruce Levensgood with Hopewell Community Church and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Public Comment**

Pastor Levensgood requested that the Township consider combining the Church's Annual Block Party and the Township's Community Day into one event as opposed to two separate events. He noted that the Church's Annual Block Party is held in the spring and that the Township's Community Day is in October. Both events are held at Heather Place Park. Chairwoman Thompson stated that the digital billboard that is located on Township property could be utilized for promoting this event. Following additional discussion on this matter, Ms. Ludy made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Churach to recommend that the Township and Hopewell Community Church coordinate efforts to have a joint event at Heather Place Park as opposed to two separate events. The motion was approved.

**3. Reports**

Mr. Miller reported on a number of items. These items were the following:

- The Township recently acquired 5.04 acres of additional open space land and will continue to work on procuring additional open space.
- The Township open space area located along Pineford Road might be conducive to the construction of a baseball field due to the possibility that 3,000 or more truckloads of dirt could be transported to this site from Coddington View.
- The 2 acre open space acquisition that the Township is working on is very flat and might be a good location for a softball field. Ms. Ludy confirmed that 2 acres was adequate size for this type of activity.
- That bike racks were needed at Sunset Park that could be placed in the parking lot off to the side.
- That much work had recently been completed at Sunset Park.
- That the picnic table that was being constructed by the Eagle Scout candidate should be anchored in the ground to help prevent it from being stolen.

Mr. Miller reiterated that a bike rack was needed for 5 bikes costing approximately \$310.00. There was a motion by Mr. Churach, which was seconded by Ms. Ludy, that the Township purchase a 5-bicycle Bike Rack for Sunset Park. The motion was approved.

**Mr. Miller noted that a Rules Sign was needed at Sunset Park and Sussell Park.** He stated that trash cans were also needed at both Sunset Park and Sussell Park. He added that the trash cans to be provided at Sunset Park and Sussell Park should be the same type as the Township has at Hollenbach Park and that the both Sunset Park and Sussell Park should open at sunrise and close at sunset. Ms. Ludy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Churach, that the Township provide a Rules Sign at Sunset Park and a Rules Sign at Sussell Park as well as a trash can at both Sunset Park and Sussell Park. The motion was approved.

Mr. Miller noted that the Sunset Park would not be plowed during heavy snowfall and perhaps poles should be put in place to block drivers from going into the Sunset Park during heavy snowfall to prevent them from being stuck in the snow.

Mr. Miller stated that the property owner living adjacent to Sunset Park, Mr. Kohl, requested that the bushes be trimmed. Mr. Freed made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Ludy that the bushes should be trimmed and the Cedar Tree removed at Sunset Park. The motion was approved.

Mr. Miller noted that the park sign posts needed to be painted. He further stated that the sign by the Pottsgrove Middle School on North Hanover needed to be cleaned.

Mr. Miller stated that the Pottsgrove School District should distribute top soil onto Hollenbach Park.

Ms. Ludy reported that Student Against Violating the Earth (SAVE) would be making a presentation on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pottsgrove High School.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Churach moved that the March 14, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Freed seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**6. New Business**

- Mr. Churach noted that the Sunset Park pond was being utilized by those residing near the Park. He stated that the improved parking lot was great. He added that Turnberry residents had taken a photo showing the fish that they had recently captured at Sunset Park.
- There was discussion regarding the need to place a fence that divided the properties that are located next to the Sprogels Run Pedestrian Trail. Ms. Ludy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Freed, to place a 2-rail split rail fence between Mr. Kratz's property and the Sprogels Run Pedestrian Trail. The motion was approved.
- Ms. Thompson stated that there was a need to provide for the removal of animal (e.g., dog waste) from Sunset Park since those utilizing the Park

may sometimes bring their pet dogs with them. Ms. Ludy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Churach to place (Doggy Pot) biodegradable pet waste removal bags at Sunset Park. The motion was approved.

**7. Adjournment**

Mr. Churach moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 P.M. Ms. Ludy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 11, 2012**