

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD
August 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Jill Ludy, Greg Churach and Ralph Freed. Dennis Elliott was absent. Also present was 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 July 11, 2012 meeting minutes be amended to state that the signage proposed by Mr. Churach should read “No Littering” as opposed to “No Loitering”. Mr. Freed seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Reports

- Mr. Layne stated that Township officials and staff had recently met with Mr. Miller and Mr. Kratz regarding their concerns. Mr. Miller was to get back with the Township regarding the Township’s proposal that a portion of his property could be utilized by the Township for the Sprogels Run Trail with the understanding that he could expand his shed that is located on Township property. No trespassing signs were to be placed onto Mr. Kratz’s property although Mr. Kratz still requested that fencing be installed as well.
- Chairwoman Thompson requested that fencing be placed at Sussell Park at the pond area. Ms. Ludy suggested the possible use of boulders as opposed to fencing.
- Chairwoman Thompson noted that the Township had started to cut the pedestrian trail on Maugers Mill Road (e.g., Fox Run Trail area).
- Chairwoman Thompson stated that the signs placed at Sussell and Sunset Parks state that no dogs are allowed while the Township does allow for dogs at other Township parks. She suggested that the Manager speak with the Police Department to request that this not be enforced and that dogs be allowed onto these park areas.

5. Old Business

A. Community Day

Mr. Layne noted that Police Chief William Moffett had stated that efforts to have a dog exhibition at Community Day were unsuccessful. He also noted that Fire Company Captain Matthew Galamba would be coordinating having the helicopter exhibition. Chairwoman Thompson stated that the Dunk Tank, Mike’s

Making Music and the Petting Zoo would not be at this year's Community Day. Ms. Ludy stated that the Community Band would perform on Community Day. Chairwoman Thompson requested that Mr. Layne contact the digital billboard firm and request that they begin to advertise Community Day on September 6th and that the ad should request that potential vendors could contact the Township. She also requested that he contact J.P. Mascaro to request that their mascot, Dumpo, participate in Community Day.

B. Open Space Update

There was no discussion on this item.

6. New Business

- Mr. Layne asked whether Sue Landes, the Executive Director of the Lancaster Recreation Commission, could interview the Board at the September 12th Open Space and Recreation Board meeting. The Board concurred.
- Mr. Churach stated that he had requested that the State be contacted regarding the water levels for the ponds at Sunset Park and Sprogels Run. Mr. Layne stated that he had contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding this matter and that they had recommended that the Township not attempt to equalize the respective current low water levels for either these ponds or Sprogels Run at this time.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Elliott moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:52 P.M. Ms. Ludy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012