

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD
November 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Jill Ludy, Greg Churach and Ralph Freed. Dennis Elliott was absent. Also present were Rob Deckert and John Charbonneau both with the Pottsgrove Soccer Club and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ludy moved that the September 12, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Freed seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Public Comment

- Mr. Deckert requested that the Township consider allowing the Pottsgrove Soccer Club (Club) to utilize Hoffman Field as a soccer practice field area. He stated that if soccer playing was allowed on Hoffman Field then some type of barrier, i.e., fencing, etc. should be provided between Hoffman Field and the bordering roadways, i.e., Gilbertsville and Moyer Roads. Mr. Deckert stated that the Club would like to utilize Hoffman Field for practicing in the spring and fall, e.g., until the end of March and June. He added that they would utilize the Hoffman Field only on the weekdays and not during the weekends. Ms. Ludy suggested that the soccer goals and needed fencing/barriers could be placed facing the baseball fields as opposed to the roadways. Chairwoman Thompson requested that this item be placed on the January 9, 2013 Open Space and Recreation Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

4. Reports

- Mr. Layne reported that the fence had been knocked down at Sunset Park
- Mr. Layne stated that Commissioner Herbert C. Miller, Jr. and Public Works Department staff had added 300 feet of pedestrian trail area to the Fox Run Trail and plan to add 250 feet in the coming week.
- Mr. Churach expressed concern that Chairwoman Thompson had not been invited to participate in the Board of Commissioners' recent Commission meeting Executive Session where the proposed acquisition of open space was discussed.
- Mr. Churach suggested that the proposed pedestrian trail to traverse on the north side of Snyder Road would be better suited to traverse on the south side of Snyder Road.
- Chairwoman Thompson emphasized that Township work on Sunset Park should be completed prior to the Township doing other extensive open space work in other areas of the Township.

- Chairwoman Thompson and Mr. Churach both concurred that the work that has been completed on the Sussell Park fencing looked good.
- It was noted that the pump house at Sussell Park had a well-head in it and that there was no door to this facility to keep it closed off from public entry.
- Chairwoman Thompson noted that the entry-way to Sussell Park needed to be widened. Ms. Ludy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Churach, that the Township widens the entrance to Sussell Park. The motion was approved.
- It was noted that the fence that had been placed along the Sprogels Run Trail in Sunset Park had been knocked down.
- It was noted that there was a gully located along the Sprogels Run Trail in Sunset Park that needed to be addressed because it was hazardous.
- Chairwoman Thompson stated that Sunset Park needed a bench and picnic table that should be color-coordinated. Ms. Ludy suggested that these items be painted green.
- Chairwoman Thompson stated that trees had been knocked down at Sunset Park during Hurricane Sandy.
- Chairwoman Thompson expressed a desire that a pavilion be placed at Sunset Park.

5. New Business

A. Open Space meeting representation

Following a brief discussion on this matter, Mr. Churach made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Freed, that the Township Board of Commissioners has another Commissioner attend scheduled Open Space and Recreation Board meetings when Commissioner Herbert C. Miller, Jr. cannot attend. The motion was approved.

6. Old Business

- Chairwoman Thompson stated that the Cat Rescue vendor at this year's Community Day received over \$400 in donations.
- Chairwoman Thompson stated that she believed that the Community Day attendance was estimated at being more than 400 people.
- There was agreement that the date for Community Day could be changed if necessary.
- It was recommended that the Ladies' Auxiliary food area should be located closer to a power source.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Churach moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:42 P.M. Ms. Ludy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013