

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2007

Committee members present were Vice Chairman David Crock, Jill Ludy and Sue Thompson. Chairman Stephen Ailes and Herbert J. Miller were absent. Also present was Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M by Vice Chairman Crock.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ludy moved that the December 13, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Reports

A. Vice Chairman Crock distributed drawings for the proposed walking bridge that will connect Hollenbach and Mocharniuk. He stated that he would attempt to obtain donated materials and provide labor support for the construction of this bridge.

4. Old Business

A. Master Plan

Mr. Layne distributed copies of the email from Jean Holland which provided information on the DCNR presentation at the recent Pottstown Regional meeting on regional recreation planning and how they might fund a financing strategy study for a regional recreation plan.

Mr. Layne stated that he and Chairman Ailes would be attending a January 18th meeting Regional Parks and Recreation meeting at Pottstown Borough Hall.

B. Heather Place Park Project Plans

Mr. Layne stated that efforts to upgrade Heather Place Park were in place and that these upgrades should occur in spring 2007 prior to the proposed Upper Pottsgrove Township Community Day. Improvements are proposed for the sidewalk and water and electric. The Committee reviewed various catalogues showcasing new playground equipment ranging in price from \$10,000 to \$30,000. There was a consensus that Heather Place Park should be a showpiece for the community. Ms. Ludy stated that new trash cans with lids should be provided. Vice Chairman Crock stated that efforts should be made to properly landscape the park as well.

C. Park Maintenance

The Committee recommended that park maintenance be provided on a consistent basis. Vice Chairman Crock suggested that as opposed to purchasing new trash containers for Hollanbach that painted 55-gallon container barrels be provided.

D. Mocharniuk Meadows parking area hazard

There was a consensus that the bumps did adequately improve the parking at this site.

E. Mocharniuk Meadows metal park rules sign missing

There was a consensus that a new improved park rules sign should be installed. Recommended sign improvements included the insertion of the Township logo, (e.g., burgundy and white flowers), and review of the rules placed on the sign, (e.g., no hunting in the park, etc.).

F. Heather Place and Hanover Street Parking Lot Upgrades

There was a consensus that the plan that had been submitted by LTL was satisfactory. Suggested improvements included adding yellow reflector barriers, providing railroad ties at each parking space and utilizing telephone poles. It was requested that a price estimate for these improvements be provided by LTL. Other suggested improvements included adding landscape lights near the Hollanbach and Mocharniuk signs. It was recommended that we request donations and support from the Soccer Association for this endeavor.

It was noted that additional parking may be necessary at Heather Place Park at a later date. And, that the chain-link fence at this Park could be painted.

5. New Business

A. Mauger's Mill Pond area

Vice Chairman Crock emphasized that the Mauger's Mill Pond could be made into a showcase for the Township. He stated that fishing rodeos, ice skating, nature talks and concerts could be held in this area.

B. Budget Update

Mr. Layne stated that total Park and Recreation Fund revenues for December 31, 2006 were \$26,122.91 and expenditures totaled \$14,214.57 leaving a 2006 Fund balance of \$11,908.34.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Ms. Ludy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 P.M. Ms. Thompson seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager

**The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on
Wednesday, February 14, 2007**

