

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2007

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M by Chairman Ailes.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Crock moved that the January 10, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Chairman Ailes seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Reports

A. Vice Chairman Crock stated that he would attempt to obtain donated materials and provide labor support for the construction of the proposed bridge between these two parks. Vice Chairman Crock noted that the bridge should be located high enough to be above the level of infrequent high water flows.

B. Chairman Ailes stated that he and Herbert Miller had recently walked both the Hollenbach and Mocharniuk park areas. Mr. Ailes noted that someone had blazed trails and placed identification signs on the trees located throughout the park area. He pointed out that there was a large tree that was upended in the park that had been located either in or near property adjacent to the park. The Committee agreed with Chairman Ailes' request that the tree be cut up. Chairman Ailes further stated that part of the park was being used as a dump site, i.e., refrigerator, toilet, etc. He also stated that a grate was missing at Hollenbach and that numerous empty beer cans were found where there were tractor tracks. Chairman Ailes stated that Mr. Miller was in opposition to the plan for the exit for the parking lot at Hollenbach. Chairman Ailes added that neither he nor Mr. Miller were happy with putting black top or stone in the parking lot. Vice Chairman Crock and Ms. Thompson stated that brown gravel could be utilized for the parking lot without undermining the natural beauty of the park.

4. Old Business

A. Master Plan

Mr. Layne distributed copies of the January 18, 2007 meeting minutes for the Pottstown Regional Parks & Recreation Roundtable Discussion that was held at the Pottstown Borough Hall. Commissioner Pete Dolan and Mr. Layne attended this meeting.

B. Heather Place Park Project Plans

Mr. Layne stated that efforts to upgrade Heather Place Park would begin in spring 2007. Vice Chairman Crock suggested that the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting should focus on the proposed

improvements to Heather Place Park. Ms. Thompson moved that the Committee focus on the proposed improvements at the March 2007 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Vice Chairman Crock seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

- C. **Mocharniuk Meadows metal park rules sign missing**
Mr. Layne stated that once a new sign provider has been identified the effort to provide an improved park rules sign would continue.
- D. **Heather Place and Hanover Street Parking Lot Upgrades**
This item was discussed during the report provided by Chairman Ailes.
- E. **Proposed Bridge Connecting Mocharniuk and Hollenbach**
This item was discussed during the report provided by Vice Chairman Crock.
- F. **Park Maintenance**
Mr. Layne stated that he would assist in the coordination of Public Works Department staff efforts to provide for the proper and ongoing maintenance of Township parks.
- G. **Parking Lot and Entrance to the Parking Lot**
This item was discussed during the report provided by Chairman Ailes.

5. New Business

- A. **Movement of Hollenbach Sign**
This item will be discussed once the damaged sign has been replaced.
- B. **Removal of Overgrowth near fence at Hollenbach Park**
Mr. Layne distributed copies of pictures of Hollenbach Park that were provided by Gary Novack depicting areas of the park where overgrowth removal is needed. Mr. Layne stated that he would contact Public Works Department staff regarding this matter.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Ms. Thompson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 P.M. Vice Chairman Crock 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, March 14, 2007**