

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2008

Commission members present were Chairman Stephen Ailes, Vice Chairman David Crock, Sue Thompson and Jill Ludy. Herbert J. Miller was absent. Also present were Richard Wood and Robert Mohollen, who are with the Pottsgrove Soccer Club and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Ailes.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Wood and Mr. Mohollen discussed their proposal for the Pottsgrove Soccer Club to continue use of Hollenbach Park for practicing and games in cooperation with Pottsgrove Middle School, to make additional improvements to the entrance driveway, parking area and existing playing surface at Hollenbach Park and to look for additional field space in existing park lands owned by the Township that could be utilized for playing soccer. Ms. Ludy commented that she understood their request but that the Township should also consider that there are no lacrosse fields in Lower, West or Upper Pottsgrove at the present time. Vice Chairman Crock stated that Hollenbach could be reconfigured so that it has multi-purpose fields. Mr. Wood emphasized that they needed smaller fields. There was a suggestion that the Board discuss this proposal with Open Space Committee representatives in order to determine exactly how much Township open space land area could be utilized for soccer.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ludy moved that the September 10, 2008 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4. Reports

There were no reports

5. Old Business

A. Construction of Hollenbach/Mocharniuk Pedestrian Bridge

Vice Chairman Crock stated that he would contact Scout Nick Faulkner regarding the status of the construction of the Hollenbach/Mocharniuk Pedestrian Bridge. He added that if Mr. Faulkner could not complete the project then he would do so by November 2008.

6. Community Day

The Board discussed the upcoming October 4th Community Day. Highlights of this discussion included the following:

- There was a general consensus that Community Day had been successful.
- Mr. Layne thanked Ms. Thompson and Ms. Ludy for their diligent efforts to make Community Day a success.
- The Board was appreciative of the participating vendors at this event along with the Police Department, Fire Company, Fire Police, State Patrol (e.g., helicopter), and State Senator Rafferty and State Representative Thomas Quigley.
- The Board also expressed great appreciation for the community band and female singer that provided quality entertainment.
- The children enjoyed the playground equipment and the young adults and adults enjoyed playing bingo.
- Ms. Thompson stated that 225 balloons were given to the children, meaning that the attendance was larger than at last year's Community Day.
- There was a consensus that the 2009 Community Day should be held on October 3, 2009, which is the first Saturday in October.

6. New Business

- There was a request that the picnic tables at the park should be painted.
- Chairman Ailes suggested that the Township provide better signage designating open space areas.
- Ms. Thompson moved that the Township engage in further research to develop part of Heather Place Park into a multipurpose field area. Chairman Ailes seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Ms. Thompson moved that funds provided to Upper Pottsgrove Township and specified for supporting Community Day be properly designated and earmarked for Community Day by the Township. Ms. Ludy seconded this motion. The motion was approved.
- Vice Chairman Crock recommended that a segment of each Parks and Recreation Board meeting to be held in 2009 be designated for discussion on the plans and preparation for the October 3, 2009 Community Day.
- There was a consensus that the scheduled November 12, 2008 Parks and Recreation Board meeting should be cancelled but that the December 10, 2008 meeting should be held.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Thompson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 P.M. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 (not November 12, 2008)