

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 10, 2008**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Due to the later arrival of Chairman Ailes, Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chairman Crock requested that the October 8, 2008 meeting minutes be revised to state that the proposed Hollenbach/Mocharniuk Pedestrian Bridge would be constructed by March 31, 2009 not by November 2008. Ms. Thompson moved that the October 8, 2008 meeting minutes be approved as amended. Vice Chairman Crock 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 to state that he would assist him in raising needed funds for this endeavor.

**B. Community Day**

- Ms. Thompson stated that she had no new updates at this time regarding 2009 Community Day.
- Vice Chairman Crock suggested that the Board should begin to develop the proposed 2009 Community Day activities at the January 2009 Board meeting.
- Mr. Miller stated that he would contact the Masons.
- There was agreement that more vendors should be asked to sell their items this year.
- There was a suggestion that the next Township newsletter should highlight the upcoming 2009 Community Day.

**6. New Business**

**A. Consideration of request submitted by the Ches-Mont NABA Baseball League**

Mr. Layne stated that he and Chairman Ailes had discussed a request by the Ches-Mont NABA Baseball League to utilize the baseball fields at Kulp Field on Sundays during the baseball season. He and Chairman Ailes had spoken with the baseball league officials that presently utilize Kulp Field during the baseball season and they emphasized that their proposed game schedule

would not allow for any available time on Sundays for Ches-Mont NABA to play games on Kulp Field.

**B. Proposed 2009 Board meeting schedule**

Following a brief discussion on this matter, there was a consensus that the 2009 Board meetings should be held on the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months only beginning in January.

**C. Hoffman Field**

Mr. Miller suggested that aluminum sleeves be placed on the poles holding up the Hoffman Field sign in order to insure that they are protected during routine maintenance and harsh weather. Ms. Thompson moved that aluminum sleeves be placed on the poles holding up the Hoffman Field sign. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**D. Miscellaneous Items**

- Mr. Miller recommended that stones be placed at the entry way to Hollenbach Park.
- Vice Chairman Crock inquired as to why there was a no trespassing sign adjacent to Mocharniuk Park. It was noted that this park was located adjacent to property owned by Mrs. Evans.
- There was discussion regarding a letter submitted by Gary Novack regarding the allowance of dogs at Township parks areas. Following extensive discussion by the Board regarding this matter, there was a consensus that leashed pets should be allowed to be walked in Township parks. And, that the pet owner would be responsible for cleaning up and removing any waste created by their pet on Township park property. There was also a recommendation that Township park signs (i.e., Curb Your Dog – Clean Area) be revised to state that dogs would be allowed in the park but that the pet owner would be responsible for the removal of the pet's waste material.
- Mr. Miller commented that the land at Hoffman Park would need to be properly leveled. There was agreement that stones and old telephone poles might be possible items that could be used for this purpose.

**6. Adjournment**

Ms. Thompson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 P.M. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 13, 2009**