

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
November 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Commission members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Vice Chairman David Crock, Jill Ludy and Herbert C. Miller., Jr., Also present were Dennis Elliott and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ludy moved that the September 16, 2009 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Vice Chairperson Crock seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4. New Business

A. After recognizing the attendance of Open Space Committee member, Dennis Elliott, Chairwoman Thompson read a letter that she had distributed to the Board requesting that the Hartman and Prince/Austerberry properties which were acquired by the Township with open space funding be named Sussell Park and Sunset Park, respectively. She requested that this letter be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration and action at their next meeting.

Mr. Miller stated that due to the fact that he is now serving as Township Commissioner that he would be resigning from the Open Space Committee, Parks and Recreation Board and the Historical Committee effective January 1, 2010. He stated that he would serve as a strong advocate and effective liaison for each of these committees.

Mr. Miller stated that as the Township moved steadily towards accomplishing open space land acquisition goals that the Township should consider merging the Open Space Committee with the Parks and Recreation Board. He emphasized that once the Township had acquired the remaining targeted open space properties that the Township should focus much more on open space land and park maintenance efforts, which is the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Moreover, Mr. Miller emphasized emphatically that Chairwoman Thompson and members of the Board must continually be cognizant of the goings on at all the parks and open space properties. The responsibility is so important to the residents of the Township and the undertakings are varied in scope. They must be concerned with mowing, litter control, trail maintenance, sign maintenance, and control invasive weeds inclusive of Poison Ivy and Sumac.

Following additional discussion on this matter, Ms. Ludy moved that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Hartman property located on Snyder Road be named Sussell Park. Vice Chairman Crock seconded this motion. The motion was approved. Vice Chairman Crock then moved that due to the Historical Committee and Parks and Recreation Board recommending to the Board of Commissioners that the Prince/Austerberry property be named Sunset Park. Ms. Ludy seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Miller stated that there should be strong consideration for utilizing an Eagle Scout for assisting in the development of Sussell and Sunset Parks.

B. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Rheel would provide color directional arrows for Township parks.

5. Reports

There were no reports.

6. Old Business

- Mr. Miller stated that he had provided tin to the Township for the Public Works Department to place around the bottom area of park signs. He requested that the Parks and Recreation Board monitor this endeavor and complete this by December 2009.
- Mr. Miller also requested that the Board closely monitor the dismantled fence area near Kulp Field to insure that this fence is reconstructed by the Superior Water Company to the approved specifications of the Township. There needs to be a bar at the bottom and top of the fence and the chain-link fence must be pulled tight. As it stands now, poles are not secure and the fence has been loosely erected. The poles need to be cemented in for stability. Chairwoman Thompson requested that staff notify her when the fence is reinstalled.
- Mr. Miller stated that the Township should be aware that P.A.L. would like to place lights on their fields. Mr. Layne stated that he had also been contacted by a P.A.L. representative and had informed that individual that they would have to do more than simply complete a permit application for lighting in order to provide lighting at that location. He added that P.A.L. would have to submit a desired plan that would have to be considered by the Township Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners.

7. Adjournment

After Chairwoman Thompson thanked Mr. Elliott for attending the meeting in order to discuss the renaming of the Hartman and Prince/Austerberry properties, Mr. Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:31 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