A meeting of the Open Space Park and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Those present were Greg Churach, Charles Note, Dennis Elliot, Sherry Paup, and Scott Wagner. Also present was Township Manager Michelle Reddick & Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Sherri Griffith.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by C. Note, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to approve the September 15, 2021, minutes as presented. S. Wagner abstained as he was not present at that meeting. Motion by C. Note, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to approve the October 5, 2021, minutes as amended to use full names in the first paragraph.

**REPORTS**

1. **Green Allies ~** K. Hamilton provided a report

Update:

Night Hike was limited to one night due to weather. Just over 300 people attended. (Comments below) Thanks to Upper Pottsgrove Fire Police who came out to set up cones along Gilbertsville Road at the trail crossing. We had lots of overflow parking on Cherry Tree Lane, all of which had to cross Gilbertsville Road.

At this time, our Haunted Woods is canceled for Friday with the hopes of hosting on Saturday… weather dependent. We are looking for fill material to create a base for a parking space next to the farmhouse. This was originally on our site plan and the area was cleared, but we never leveled the land with our driveway. Any help is appreciated!

Coming Up: Two great community events in November:

1. **Scarecrow-making workshop** for families on November 7th from 1 to 3 pm. All materials, instructions, and assistance were provided for families to create their own scarecrows. Registration is required on our website: althousearboretum.org

2. **Clothing and Household Good Collection** November 13th, 9 am to 1 pm. Collecting clothing, shoes, materials, and lightly used or new household goods. Benefits local charities. This is a drive-through, drop-off event.

Requests for approval:

1. Christmas Tree Recycling on January 8 and 9th. Approval for the township to chip trees again.

1. **PAARC ~** C. Paretti: couldn’t make the meeting therefore there was no report.
2. **Inclusive Playground** ~ C. Note: the meetings are on hold until 503c is approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss mowing of Hollenbach Park “triangle”:** The OS&R Board agreed to leave it go for now and review again in the spring.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Review of water treatment proposals for Sunset Park:** Motion by C. Note, second by D. Elliot to make a motion to get approval from the BOC to get pond treatment from Solitude Lake Management for the algae problem at Sure Catch Pond in 2022. The cost is $2,952.00 for 18 treatments from March through November. All in favor, aye.
2. **Status of Gilbertsville Road Trail Crossing** **~** S. Griffith provided a copy of the sketch plan and will be meeting with Pete (LTL Consultants) and Justin (Public Works) to go over and create a product list to get some quotes before submitting the application.

**CHAIR REPORT** –

\* Fox Hill Trail split rail fence was installed. The Grant has been closed out, but the stop sign, grant acknowledgment sign, and trash can at trailhead still need to be done.

\*“Yield to Pedestrians” signs have been installed at Snyder Road Trail crossing. Still need crosswalk striping to be redone.

\* Arlen Moser will plant winter wheat on the Smola property in 2021 to be harvested in 2022. UPT Township will not charge for use of the land for this project, as he is taking care of the weed problem there. Mr. Moser will also plant winter wheat on the Boehner property in 2021 for harvest in 2022. He will pay UPT $50/acre for use of 11 acres.

\* We received 2 “Catch & Release” signs, one for Sussel Park and the other at Sunset Park. The one at Sunset Park

**BOARD COMMENTS** – C. Note asked if there was any update on the Sprogel’s Run loop trail & crosswalk. G. Churach recommended bringing it back up after the new year and deciding then on what action to take. D. Elliot asked about the status of the tree limb on Evans Road and M. Reddick said it will be taken care of on the 11th of November.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**Executive Session** – The Board convened in an Executive Session at 7:35 pm, to discuss real estate. Took no formal action but asked the manager to forward our consensus on the issue to the BOC for possible action. The Board reconvened at 7:50 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by C. Note, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Griffith

Planning & Zoning Administrator