

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD
April 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Vice Chairman Dave Crock, Jill Ludy, Dennis Elliott and Ralph Freed. Also present were Herbert Miller, Jr., Commissioner and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Elliott requested clarity on Item D under New Business. Ms. Ludy noted that the amount of funding that would be available for Pottsgrove School students to develop parks should be provided. Mr. Miller noted that the location of the proposed drinking fountain at Kulp Field needed to be identified and that a Shut-Off Valve needed to be placed on the pipe providing water service to the drinking fountain so that it could be turned-off during the colder months of the year. Following this discussion, Vice Chairman Crock moved that the March 10, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. Ms. Ludy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Executive Session

Vice President Crock moved that the Board go into Executive Session at 7:10 P.M. in order to discuss a real estate matter. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Vice President Crock moved that the Board come out of Executive Session at 7:26 P.M. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4. Reports

There were no reports provided

5. New Business

A. Mr. Elliott moved that Open Space and Recreation Board recommend that the Upper Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners take the appropriate action enabling the Township to purchase the Malfaro property that is located at 1633 Yarnall Road under the Township's Open Space Program. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

B. Ms. Ludy suggested that fencing be utilized to divide the property located at 1401 N. Charlotte from the neighboring properties. Mr. Miller suggested that a split-rail fence or something similar to it be utilized for this purpose.

C. Mr. Miller stated that the large ball of dirt wrapped in canvas and located at Hollenbach Park needed to be removed.

D. Ms. Ludy stated that while she was picking up trash at Hollenbach Park she noted that there were a lot of beer bottles. She added that the students must utilize this area for partying.

E. Chairwoman Thompson suggested that she might place a notice in the *Mercury's* Sound-Off section requesting volunteers to assist with the development of the building located at 1401 N. Charlotte. Following a brief discussion on this matter, there was a consensus that an assessment was needed to determine what could be done with this building. Mr. Freed volunteered to look at this endeavor from an engineering vantage point (e.g., draw up plans). Also, there was general agreement that it would be more cost efficient to utilize a porta-potty at this building than to expend significant funds to connect to public sewer.

6. Old Business

There was no Old Business

7. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

8. Adjournment

Ms. Ludy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 P.M. Chairwoman Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 12, 2010