

**OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD**  
**July 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Jill Ludy, Greg Churach and Ralph Freed. Dennis Elliott was absent. Also present were Board Commissioner, Herbert Miller, Commissioner and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Ludy moved that the May 11, 2011 and the July 7, 2011 Joint Special meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**3. Reports**

**A.** Chairwoman Thompson stated that there were unsightly weeds rowing at Hollenbach Park along Hanover Street.

**B.** Chairwoman Thompson stated that she had met with Mr. Freed regarding the vines growing wildly at 1401 N. Charlotte. Mr. Freed also stated that he had tagged two trees located adjacent to one large nice tree that needed to be removed. Mr. Freed added that he had begun removal of these vines but Chairwoman Thompson recommended that the specified date for removal of these vines be discussed at the next Open Space and Recreation Board meeting.

**4. New Business**

**A. Community Day**

Chairwoman Thompson stated that contacts had been made with the following entities regarding their participation in the October 1, 2011 Community Day program:

- The Petting Zoo
- Reginald Leister to provide an emergency management/radio display and that he requested access to electricity
- Mike and Mike
- Pottstown Band
- Helicopter
- Barbeque vendor
- Fire Company vehicles and display
- Police vehicle
- Boobie Nation
- Mason's ID program

**5. Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

**6. Executive Session**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:45 P.M.

Ms. Ludy moved that the Board come out of Executive Session at 8:22 P.M. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**7. New Business (Cont.)**

**B.** Following a brief discussion on this matter, Ms. Ludy moved that the Board recommend that the Township purchase the property located at 185 Mangers Mill Road with Township Open Space Acquisition funding. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**C.** Mr. Miller stated that the potential Ash Tree infestation by the Emerald Beetle was a very serious problem. Chairwoman Thompson also expressed concern of a threat posed by larvae that evidently killed a Maple Tree. Mr. Miller further stated that Ash Trees comprised 3.6% of all the trees located in Pennsylvania forests.

**D.** Chairwoman Thompson stated that they were waiting for the report from the Engineer on the proposed costs for providing bridges and other projects in specified open space areas.

**8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9. Adjournment**

Mr. Freed moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 P.M. Ms. Ludy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 14, 2011**