

**Minutes of the Open Space Park and Recreation Board
Upper Pottsgrove Township**

September 8, 2015

A meeting of the Open Space Park and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at Hollenbach Park in Upper Pottsgrove Township. Those present were Matt Dallas, Charles Note, Dennis Elliott, Nancy Toothaker and Chris Delp. Also present were Ashley Pultorak, Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation, Commissioner Martin Schreiber and Township Manager Carol R. Lewis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - A motion by D. Elliott, seconded by C. Delp and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of July 28, 2015 meeting as presented.

ON YOUR PARK CONTEST – A. Pultorak presented the Open Space and recreation Board with a check for \$10,000 and congratulated them on their win. She said the selfie voting was what put them over the top and commended them on their spirit and enthusiasm.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – The Community Yard Sale was a success with nineteen (19) tables. Vendors seemed to be very happy with the turnout and it was suggested that we hold it again next year.

ASH TREE MANAGEMENT – C. Lewis updated the Board on the Ash Tree Management Plan. A letter has been sent to the residents explaining what is happening and steps the township may be taking. Matt Dallas advised her that his Company (Dallas Data) does a commitment to the community where the employees volunteer and they might be available to help with tree planting for the reforestation activities. Comcast also has a Comcast Care's Day where they do come out and help.

COMMUNITY DAY - The Community Day Committee has been meeting and plans are underway for the October 3rd event. C. Note gave an update on activities. It looks to be a great event.

FISHING RODEO - It was suggested that the Board hold a Fishing Rodeo in 2016 at Sunset Pond. It would cost less than \$300 to stock the pond for the event. D. Elliott advised them that the Fish and Game Commission does a free workshop on how to fish. He suggested that workshop be held a week or two before the Fishing Rodeo. The Board agreed to move forward with planning that event.

OLD BUSINESS:

SAVE ALLIANCE – A grand opening and 5K run will be held on September 26th at the Arboretum. The Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Police will handle traffic control during the race. Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening.

SNYDER ROAD TRAIL – The Snyder Road Trail is complete and the street crossings have been put in. The only item left is to install the handicap pad on the Arboretum side of Gilbertsville Road.

ON YOUR PARK CONTEST - The Board discussed how to use the money from the park contest. Items they would like to see are trees for more shade, playground equipment, benches, picnic tables and a kiosk for a trail map. C. Lewis will price out the various options and the Board will discuss further at the following meeting.

JOE MCNICHOLAS, 203 Mangers Mill Road, attended the meeting. He wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Board for the park and open space development. He hikes the trails quite

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often and enjoys the open space in the township.

JOINT MEETING - A joint meeting is being set up for some time in September. The Board discussed the turnover in personnel for the Pottstown Little League and how it might affect things.

BOARD COMMENTS – D. Elliott advised the Board that vandalism happened at Sunset Park where someone put out cigarettes on the table and the bench. The road crew did clean it up.

C. Lewis suggested that the Board consider names for the trails now that they have all been mostly completed. They are referred to by many different names and some do not have names on the trail map. Once that is done they can be color coded and the markers can be put up for the trails. The Board will discuss this further at their following meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: M. Schreiber suggested that if the park contest is held next year that they nominate Hillside and use the money to improve the parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion by C. Delp, seconded by D. Elliott, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager