

A meeting of the Open Space Park and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Those present were Dennis Elliott, Chuck Note, Greg Churach, Sherry Paup, and Scott Wagner. Also present were Township Manager Michelle Reddick and Sherri Griffith. Commissioners Renee Spaide and Cathy Paretto were present in the audience.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GREEN ALLIES** – The wood chips from trees at Sussell Park will be split between Althouse Arboretum and Shontz Trail.

Sydney Smith and Rebecca Sandoval present Althouse Arboretum. Family Halloween Adventure Hike Attendance was 240 (by appointment) down from almost 900 last year. Thank you to the Upper Pottsgrove Fire Police for parking people in the development across Gilbertsville Road and helping them cross Gilbertsville Road safely. This was needed due to a lack of parking and our inability to use shuttle buses.

The Farmers Market and Organic Farm are completed for the year. We held 10 farmer's markets this year and produced over 1,000 lbs. of food on our farm. Many new residents were introduced to the Althouse Arboretum by attending the farmer's markets.

**Coming Up:**

1. Electronics Recycling is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm at the Hillside Aquatic Club parking lot.
2. Winter Giving Festival is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. Because our Food Drive "Trick or Treat Night" was cancelled due to weather, we will be hosting a drive-through light show. There will be games for the kids to play outside the windows of their cars and trivia for adults. Admission is a donation of non-perishable food for our local food bank.
3. Christmas Tree Recycling is planned for Saturday and Sunday, January 9/10/2021.

GreenAllies will be presenting at the National Service-Learning Virtual Conference in April. It will be a "Spotlight" program - describing how students worked with the township to create and manage the Althouse Arboretum through a private-public partnership.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by S. Wagner, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**KUMMERER TRACT SUBDIVISION #01-2019** – C. Note said the open space plan is not usable. The agreement to include usable open space is in Phase 2.

G. Churach said that the two sections of the ordinance must be satisfied.

The Open Space & Recreation Board agrees not to take any action & allow the Board of Commissioners to make the decision.

C. Note said Artisan should provide the monies to provide the trails and the trail should connect Phase 2 to Phase 1.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DISCUSS & CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION ON MOU FOR INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND** – Motion by G. Churach, second by S. Wagner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of MOU. Motion carried. Aye: G. Churach, S. Wagner, D. Elliott, S. Paup. Abstain: C. Note.

**REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES**

**PARRC COMMITTEE UPDATES** – C. Paretto provided members with a copy of below report.

The subcommittee continues to work through the strategic plan.

The last meeting was the first as a newly-formed entity. Mike Lenhart from Pottstown Borough was installed as chair, Bill Keohane was installed as vice-chair and Cathy Paretto was installed as treasurer.

The Regional Recreation Coordinator, Mike Lane's, performance evaluation is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Mike Lane was asked for a date of his retirement so PARRC can schedule succession planning.

Attached is a sheet of notes from Barbara Heller from her visit to the townships on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL** – Nothing to report.

**BOARD COMMENT** – C. Note reviewed action items for Board of Commissioners:

- Pedestrian signs
- Trim bushes at the entrance to the Prout Farm Trail.
- Push button for flashing light.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by C. Note, second by G. Churach, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Griffith  
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