

A meeting of the Open Space Park and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Those present were Greg Churach, Dennis Elliott, Sherry Paup, and Scott Wagner. Also present were Sherri Griffith & Township Manager Michelle Reddick. Commissioner Cathy Paretti was also present in the audience.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – not available for approval at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. ***Discuss mowing classification proposal*** ~ Used N. Coventry as a template which M. Lane customized the plan for Upper Pottsgrove Township.
GC – No mowing needed @ Hollenbach triangle piece & Hoffman field.
SW – Recommended changing the mowing plan to be reviewed by the manager periodically in paragraph 2 and the frequency be at the discretion of the Township Manager in paragraph 6.
GC recommended a motion to adopt this proposal (with the changes) to the BOC for approval. Motion by S. Wagner, second by D. Elliot.
- B. ***Discuss hayfield proposal*** ~ Members agreed to hold in reserve & will use if needed but would rather speak with farmers directly if they are interested. All agreed to remove the last paragraph on the plan and add the hayfield plan will be reviewed annually by the Township Manager.
- C. ***Discuss timetable for Michael Lane punch list for Sunset Park*** ~ complete repairs within 30 days of notice with no extension.
- D. ***Discuss possible reopening ceremony for Sunset Park*** ~ all agreed to put on the website and Facebook that it's opened and possibly a sign. D. Elliot recommended cleaning up the pond.
- E. ***Discuss repairs requested by OSR Board*** ~ G. Churach presented a list of repairs needed at Goose Run, Fox Hill, and Sunset Parks. He also suggested other members to email him when they see things that need to be fixed so he can get them on the repair list for the next meeting.
- F. ***Discuss equestrian use on trails*** ~ M. Reddick reported she rec'd a complaint of horses being ridden on the trails and horse poop being left behind. G. Churach mentioned that the trails aren't wide enough & there's no such thing as a poop bag for horses. G. Churach asked M. Reddick, the next time she receives another citizen's request to get more information about where the horses are coming from. The board agreed to hold off unless the situation arises again. If we need to send any letters to local residents with horses we may do so in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of Prout Farm Loop Trail ~ M. Reddick will be sending a notice to Mr. Mingly to complete repairs within 90 days of notice.

B. Status of farming plot applicants ~ we've only been contacted by one farmer at this point.

C. Status of Gilbertsville Road crossing ~ J. Bean and S. Griffith are working on this.

D. Status of Fox Hill trail easement survey ~ M. Reddick is in the process of obtaining a survey of Fox Hill Trail.

E. Update on Pottsgrove Inclusive Playground ~ Went Public on Playground.

F. PARRC reports ~ C. Paretti provided a Planner Report, Explanation of Pie Chart (Mike Lane), Strategic Plan, and the PARRC Report to OS&R below:

1. PARRC is still meeting via Zoom
2. **A new feature on website for PAHWF**

John Roberts Communications Director for PAHWF showed us the Outdoor Activity Finder. It lists area parks and trails and what you can find at these locations. Each township needs to send John the information we would like included. Some of our parks are listed and some are missing.

3. **Sub Committees**

Attached find the list of sub-committees that will be forming in the next several months. If anyone is interested in being a part of one, please let the PARRC board know.

4. **Planners Report**

Please find the Planners Report by Michael Lane where he laid out by date report on tasks completed to date. Also, there is a Pie Chart that outlines the time spent with each township along with other tasks he is assigned to.

5. **PARRC Coordinator**

Much of the past few months has been spent on hiring a new PARRC Coordinator. Patricia McCloskey has accepted the position and will be starting April 19, 2021.

6. **PARRC Meetings**

A link to our zoom meetings will now be on the PARRC website: www.PARRC.net

Submitted by

Cathy Paretti

PARRC Board Member

BOARD COMMENTS – The trail off of Snyder Road is currently closed due to the damage caused by the storm on March 26, 2021. G. Churach & M. Reddick have been working on getting trees removed from the trails in order to reopen the trail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by D. Elliott, second by S. Wagner, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Griffith
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