

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2007

Commission members present were Chairman Stephen Ailes, Vice Chairman David Crock, Sue Thompson, and Jill Ludy. Herbert J. Miller was absent. Also present was Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Chairman Ailes.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ludy moved that the September 26, 2007 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Reports

No reports were provided.

4. Old Business

A. Community Day Planning Update

Chairman Ailes thanked Ms. Ludy and Ms. Thompson for their outstanding efforts that helped to make October 6th Upper Pottsgrove Township Community Day a great success! He also acknowledged the assistance provided by Larry Kuser of the Public Works Department and the quality entertainment provided that day. There was discussion on what could be done better for next year's Community Day program. Items suggested included the following:

- More things for the children to do during the event.
- Contact Wachovia Bank early next year to request a donation.
- More food is needed.
- Contact the area minor league sports teams.
- Begin looking at possible program dates.

There was a consensus that the Fire Company did a great job at the event.

5. New Business

- That the trash containers with lids, which are similar to the ones utilized at Heather Place Park, be provided at Hollenbach and Mucharniuk Parks.
- Proposed 2008 Budget:
 - 1). The Commission members stated that adequate funding should be placed in the Parks & Recreation Budget for the maintenance of the parks.

2). The Commission members requested clarity on the scope of services for the Commission.

- Update on proposed regional master plan. Mr. Layne stated that he would contact Jean Holland with Montgomery County regarding this matter and that additional information would be provided at the next meeting.
- Proposed Township Gun Discharge Ordinance. Following a brief discussion on the Township's proposed Gun Discharge Ordinance the following statement was recommended for submittal to the Board of Commissioners:

“Existing State laws regulating the discharge of firearms within 500 feet and the rules and regulations of the Upper Pottsgrove Township open space and parks prohibiting the discharge of a firearm should already prevent this activity in an Upper Pottsgrove Township park or designated open space area.”

6. Old Business

Vice Chairman Crock stated that the proposed foot bridge between Hollenbach and Mucharniuk would be completed by the spring of 2008.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Ailes moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 P.M. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007