

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
**March 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Ailes called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Miller moved that the January 14, 2009 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**4. Reports**

There were no reports

**5. Old Business**

**A. Construction of Hollenbach/Mocharniuk Pedestrian Bridge**

It was noted that the Boy Scout that is planning to construct the Hollenbach/Mocharniuk Pedestrian Bridge has raised \$590 to date for this endeavor. Additional funding was pledged by Vice Chairman Crock and Mr. Miller. Vice Chairman Crock stated that bridge construction will begin by May 23, 2009 and be completed by June 2009.

**B. Community Day**

- Ms. Thompson's suggestions for Community Day entertainment included the following: a petting zoo, Making Music Rocking Rhythms, children music programs, performing arts programs with the Hill School and a craft station area for the children. Following additional discussion on this matter, Ms. Thompson moved that the funding goal for Community Day would be \$3,500 and that an account be established by the Township for this endeavor. Ms. Ludy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. It was noted that a listing of local businesses should be provided. Ms. Ludy added that the Lady Auxiliary would expand the food items that they would provide and Mr. Miller commented that he would contact the local Masons. Ms. Ludy further stated that she would contact the Community Band and Mr. Layne stated that he would contact pertinent locations regarding the Police Dog demonstration and helicopter display.

**6. New Business**

**A. Discussion regarding the utilization of Township parks for soccer practice and games**

Ms. Ludy stated that the Township's Agreement (Agreement) with the Pottsgrove School District authorizing them to utilize Hollenbach Field, makes it difficult for other activities to occur at this location when the School District has activities scheduled.

Following additional discussion about the Agreement, there was a consensus that the Board would like to discuss the Agreement with Pottsgrove School District representatives at a Board meeting. Therefore, Vice Chairman Crock moved that the Pottsgrove School District, the Soccer Association and any other organization that may propose to have activities scheduled at Hollenbach Field should be invited to the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Chairman Ailes seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

Chairman Ailes moved that if there was a conflict between the Pottsgrove School District and the Pottsgrove Soccer Association regarding the maintenance of Hollenbach Field that the existing Agreements between the Township and Pottsgrove School District and the Pottsgrove Soccer Association regarding the maintenance of Hollenbach Field be adhered to by these organizations. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion.

**B. Miscellaneous Items**

- Mr. Miller emphasized that the Hoffman Field should be leveled. He discussed the necessity for seeding this area but that it could not be used immediately once it was seeded. Mr. Miller reiterated previous statements in prior Board meetings that the land at Hoffman Park would need to be properly leveled and he recommended the use of old telephone poles for restricting parking and protecting the land area.
- Vice Chairman Crock requested that the Township Police Department be requested to monitor the area near Hoffman Field.
- It was emphasized that the poles restricting parking needed to be put in place.
- Vice Chairman Crock suggested that rocks might be properly placed to serve as a barrier as well. He added that stones were needed at Hollenbach Park.

**6. Adjournment**

Ms. Thompson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 P.M. Vice Chairman Crock seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 13, 2009**