A meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Those present were Greg Churach, Chuck Note, Sherry Paup, and Gary Novack. Also present were Township Manager Michelle Reddick and Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Sherri Griffith. Matt Murray, Dave DeLong, Joseph Gangi, and Christie Zarach.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 14, 2023** – Motion by S. Paup, second by C. Note, and unanimously carried to approve the February 14, 2023, minutes as presented.

**REPORTS**

1. **Green Allies** ~ Ken was unable to attend. Please check out website <https://althousearboretum.org> for the list of programs running this summer. Madeline Dean visited for lunch today and chatted & enjoyed meeting with the students. G. Churach represented UPT at the event.
2. **PARRC ~** C. Paretti was unable to attend but gave a copy of the PARRC report & minutes.
3. **Chair ~** G. Churach Report:

1. Perkiomen Watershed cleanup will be held April 15. It is the largest in the state.

Areas in UPT to be included are Sprogel’s Run through Hollenbach Park and Sunset Park.

2. Grant applications for Hollenbach Park Master Plan Phase 1a have been submitted and are being reviewed. We are waiting for input from Tricia on next steps.

3. Pond treatments will begin 4/14 then proceed monthly until November.

4. Bids have been secured for the Falcon Trail on the middle school property. The work will be done entirely by a contractor and completed this summer.

5. Specs for listing on PennBid are being drawn up for Snyder Road trail paving. The location of the ADA parking lot has been moved so access will be from the Arboretum rather than Snyder Road.

6. Schwenk parking lot clearing is almost complete. Grading and stone installation is the next step.

7. Greg Lewis will continue to grow hay at the Malmberg property in 2023. There are no changes to the lease agreement from 2022.

8. There is not much activity projected for the near future, so meetings will be held as needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss PLL Agreement for 2023:** Motion by C. Note, second by S. Paup and unanimously carried to recommend to the BOC to approve the use agreement.
2. **Motion by C. Note, second by S. Paup to add the request on the agenda to discuss HCC to use Heather Place Park Pavilion for Community Day:** Motion by G. Novack, second by C. Note to recommend to the BOC to approve HCC to use Heather Place Park for Community Day.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss “Yield to Pedestrians in Crosswalk” signs at Gilbertsville Road Trail Crossing ~** S. Griffith will reach out to PennDOT to see if we need approval to add additional signs.

**BOARD COMMENTS** – C. Note will check on painting park signs. G. Churach stated PW will now do the work. C. Note asked what the plan was for Prout Farm Park as far as mowing the temporary trail. G. Churach said we’re going to continue for now.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

G. Churach opened up public comments and stated to please confine comments to items under the OSR Board’s control. Any other comments should be addressed to the Commissioners at their meeting.

Joseph Gangi (1998 Yarnall Rd) then proceeded to ask questions regarding the Smola property. G. Churach advised they could not be answered due to pending litigation. J. Gangi continued asking questions and was warned by G. Churach he would be ruled out-of-order if he did not cease asking questions that could not be answered due to pending litigation.

G. Churach then acknowledged Matt Murray (1530 Aspen Drive), who stated he had a comment, but then proceeded to ask a question. At this point, G. Churach adjourned the meeting.

All residents in attendance then shouted out questions and unnecessary comments directed to G. Churach and Township Manager, M. Reddick. G. Churach again stated the meeting was adjourned, and asked residents to exit the building. All complied, but several of them verbally harassed Board members outside the building.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not needed.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Griffith

Planning & Zoning Administrator