A meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Those present were Greg Churach, Chuck Note, and Sherry Paup. Also present were Officer Guldin, and Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Sherri Griffith.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 11, 2023** – A correction to be made on Board Comments, regarding the millings not mowing. Motion by C. Note, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes with the corrections stated.

**REPORTS**

1. **Green Allies** ~ Ken was not present. S. Paup mentioned that the Gala was a good time, very nice.
2. **PARRC ~** C. Paretti was not present but provided a report.

**PARRC Report for Open Space: Sept 12,2023**

**PARRC Funding Resolution for next 5 Years**

Shortly the township will receive the new funding resolution for years 2024 - 2028. I would highly recommend another reminder to the BOC to accept another 5 years as a member of PARRC. We are growing and have had to turn away 2 townships since we added our 8th township in December.

# PARRC Foundation

PARRC now has a non-profit, PARRC Foundation. We are now set up to accept donations that will be tax deductible. More information will be coming.

Submitted by Cathy Paretti, Upper Pottsgrove Township Commissioner PARRC Treasurer

1. **Chair ~** G. Churach presented a Report:
2. There is a DCED grant opportunity available with no match for up to $1,000,000. PW has submitted a request for a new skid steer machine with attachments, trailer, and pickup truck. UPPD has submitted a request for a new patrol vehicle. The grant applications will be submitted by Tricia through Parrc.
3. The contract with the firm that supplies the trail sensor monitoring expired 3/2023, so counts are no longer downloadable. We have enough data both pre and post pandemic for future evaluations so the cameras will be removed and stored for future use or sold on Municibid.
4. Trail cams have been installed by a private citizen along Pr9ut Farm Trail to aid in the recovery of a lost dog. They will be removed when the dog is found.
5. Community Day is September 23 at Heather Place Park from 10am to 3 pm.
6. We have reached out to PGLL to see if they would be willing to paint the structures at Kulp Field as a Parrc regional project. We have not received a reply yet.
7. The paving project for the Sproegel's Run trail has been completed! Tricia will close the grant.
8. The Schwenk parking lot is almost finished. It will be completed by 3/1/2024.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss no match grant of $25,000 from PMRPC:** Motion by C. Note, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to ask the BOC to apply for grant. This will be used in addition to the $34,000.00 we got for engineering for Hollenbach Phase 1A.
2. **Consider creating a memorial bench policy:** G. Churach will get more information together and add it to next month’s agenda.
3. **Consider creating small parking area on Pine Ford Road:** Discussed the provided drawling that Trish designed of a small parking area off Pineford Road, and all agreed it is needed. The Board decided to consider it in the future.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss Gilbertsville Road ARLE Grant Proposal:** S. Griffith stated there will be no update on this till after the new year.
2. **Discuss sign proposal by Tower Health for Prout Farm Park Community Garden:** G. Churach is hoping to have a revised draft to show at the next meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS** – The new Open Space & Rec member, Mark McKinnie introduced himself and thanked the board for adding him as a member and appreciated the opportunity and he’s hoping to add somethings to the community. He, his wife and son have lived in the township since 2007 and have been involved with boy scouts for 12 years. He inherited a pond a couple years ago and has been educating himself on pond maintenance. It’s been his hobby the last couple years. He also does other volunteering. By trade he is a master electrician. G. Churach thanked Mark for becoming a member of the Open Space Board.

G. Churach mentioned the list made last year for stuff to get done this year is pretty much completed. C. Note recommended to put the list on the agenda for updates. G. Churach said if it’s not this year, then the beginning of next year.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Mr. Gangi asked about seeing some of the usage data from the trail sensor cameras and G. Churach emailed Mr. Gangi that information since this meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not Needed

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Griffith

Planning & Zoning Administrator