

A meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Board members present were Greg Churach, Sherry Paup, Gary Novack and Mark McKinnie. Also present was Township Manager Michelle Reddick, Planning & Zoning Admin Assistant Sherri Griffith, and Chief Fisher.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 9, 2024 – Motion by G. Novack, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to approve the January 9, 2024 minutes.

REPORTS

A. Green Allies ~ No Report

B. PARRC ~ Mark provided & reviewed his report below.

PARRC Meeting:

1. PARRC Reorganization – All Positions Retained
2. Discussion of Treasurer position replacement – C. Paretti interim Treasurer 30 days
3. Montgomery County Planner – Discussion of MontCo. 2040 Plan
4. A part-time Recreation Assistant was hired
5. Planner Report: Reviewed Quarterly & Annual Reports:10.8% of Planner time on UPT
6. Committee Reviewed & Revised PARRC Procedures & MOU
7. Grants – Award of DCED GTRP to UPT - \$200k Hollenbach Phase 1
8. Next Meeting Feb. 28, 2024

PARRC Foundation:

1. All Officers Retained – Officers carry over from PARRC Committee
2. Reviewed Finances
3. Overview of Financial Report to PARRC
4. Discussion of Eagle Scout Fund Transfer to PARRC Foundation

C. Chair ~ **G. Churach** provided chair report below:

- Received committee reports and updates on various topics.
- Reviewed water quality proposal from Pond Works. No change in scope or price from 2023.
- Discussed signage for Chestnut Grove Park at new Pine Ford Road parking lot.
- Discussed signage addressing dog off-leash concerns at Hollenbach soccer fields.
- Discussed alternative funding due to denial of ARLE grant for Gilbertsville Road crossing.
- Discussed revisions to Open Space signage in areas open to hunting.

Actions requested of the BOC: Approve contract with Pond Works for water treatment at Sure Catch Pond.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Discuss continuing water treatment of Sure Catch Pond:** Motion by M. McKinnie, second by Sherry Paup and unanimously carried to recommend to the BOC for approval of current contract and for all future decision to be made by Public Works.
- B. **Consider installing signage for new Pine Ford Road parking lot:** G. Churach will create a sample and bring it to the next meeting. Was recommended to add Goose Run Trail to Chestnut Grove Park.
- C. **Discuss dog off-leash concerns at Hollenbach Park.** G. Churach gave a sample of a sign to put along the field side of the parking lot. G. Churach will bring other samples next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Discuss denial of Gilbertsville Road ARLE grant and next steps:** G. Churach asked the manager if she can figure out what the best option is for the PAHW Grant. We can try to use it for Hollenbach Park or the Crossing.
- B. **Discuss proposed revisions to Open Space signage in areas open to hunting:**

BOARD COMMENTS – G. Novack asked about the Schwenk Woods sign. G. Churach said one sided and parallel to the woods.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Went into executive session @ 7:36 pm with no action to follow. The Board reconvened at 7:48 pm.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Griffith
Planning & Zoning Administrator