

A meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Those present were Greg Churach, Chuck Note, Sherry Paup, Gary Novack and Mark McKinnie. Also present, Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Sherri Griffith. Archery Coordinator, Matt Hartzell was in the audience.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 9, 2024 – Motion by C. Note, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to approve the April 9, 2024, minutes as presented.

REPORTS

A. Green Allies ~ Ken Hamilton was not present at the meeting.

B. PARRC ~ Report submitted by Mark McKinnie:

PARRC Meeting:

1. Treasurer Report: Sending out Municipal Invoices soon.
2. Subcommittees: Events: Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Clean-Up Discuss
3. Montgomery County Planner: Regional Comprehensive Plan Public Survey Available
4. Chester County Planner: May 14th event 5th anniversary of passage of Landscape3 County Comprehensive Plan
5. Planner Report: Quarterly Report was submitted. 12.9% on UPT projects. Trisha is on Vacation from May 10th - 20th.
6. PARRC Website: Story Map is Live – Located on Home Page: Scroll Down on Main Page. Discussion on map maintenance going forward.
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business: Approval to purchase QuickBooks for Treasurer. Talked about “Carry-In, Carry Out” Trash Ordinance
9. Next Meeting May 22, 2024

PARRC Foundation:

1. Reviewed Finances & Discussion on a process for closing out Yeck funded projects.
2. Old Business: Mechanism for On-Line donations was discussed.
3. New Business: None

C. Chair ~ G. Churach submitted report:

1. The Kehl family has agreed to completely fund the “Kehl Meadows” sign in return for memorializing their parents. It will be installed by PW at a location somewhere near the entrance to the meadow.
2. The Kehl property cleanup provided 50 volunteers for 3 hours. Trails were built, trees were planted, and all trash was cleaned up.
3. Our application for \$5,000 for a PECO grant for Hollenbach engineering costs was denied.

4. The “Park Rules” sign at Mocharniuk Meadows was damaged by a dead ash tree. It will be replaced with the new version approved by the OSRB, with a change requested by the UPPD regarding the wording on Park operating hours.
5. We applied for a \$5,000 Schuylkill Highlands grant to be used towards matching funds for the trail connection study. This opportunity presented itself after our last meeting, and the BOC April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss next steps on the 2290 Gilbertsville Road Property:** C. Note made a motion, G. Novack second and unanimously carried to perform all the safety items on the list. The Open Space Board agreed to have C. Note prepare a report on the possibility of adding the property to the National Register of Historic Places for possible grant funding for restoration. Things needed to be done are: the garage & fence needs to be removed. Mold removal in basement. Repair basement stairs. Remove carpets. Remove brush piles & overgrown shrubbery around the house. The roof leak has already been fixed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discuss expanding areas open to the resident archery hunting program:** G. Novack made a motion, M. McKinnie second and unanimously carried to recommend to the BOC to approve the proposal presented by the Archery Hunt Coordinator to expand one additional hunting area.
- B. Discuss adding “NO PETS ON ATHLETIC FIELD” signage at Hollenbach Park:** The Open Space Board agreed to have the Manager ask Public works to install the signs to comply with the ordinance.

BOARD COMMENTS – G. Churach thanked everybody for doing everything they do and for coming in every month for the meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not needed.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Griffith
Planning & Zoning Administrator