

A meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Those present were Greg Churach, Chuck Note, Sherry Paup, Gary Novack and Mark McKinnie. Also present, Township Manager Michelle Reddick.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 13, 2024 – Motion by C. Note, second by G. Novack and unanimously carried to approve the August 13, 2024, minutes as presented.

REPORTS

- A. Green Allies** ~ K. Hamilton wasn't present & didn't turn in a report.
- B. PARRC** ~ Mark McKinnie has submitted August & September Reports which are attached to these minutes.
- C. Chair** ~ G. Churach submitted report:
 - 1. Kevin Snyder has been hired as our new PW Director
 - 2. Current grants received/pending in your packet *
 - 3. Hay/grass has been cut on OS properties. Planting to start soon.
 - 4. Faded property sign replacement cost is \$92 each. Will have Kevin investigate options.
 - 5. BOC approved application to PAH&W for trail study grant.
 - 6. MCOS Draft plan sent to you via email link under separate cover. Public comments on the entire comprehensive plan update can be made at the survey available at the PMRPC website until October 20th.
 - 7. Community Day was held despite the weather but was called off early.
 - 8. Settlement for the Stuart property was held on 9/30/2024. The balance of the property is now for sale @ \$475,000
 - 9. The portajohns at all parks except Althouse Arboretum will be closed for the season on November 1st. This is an annual event.
 - 10. Limerick Township has announced park expansion is almost complete. Article is in your packet.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss Heather Place Pavilion roof repairs:** A motion by C. Note, second by G. Novack and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board to replace the pavilion roof at the discretion of the Township Manager to make the most fiscally sound option.
- B. Discuss Heather Place Playground repairs:** Motion by G. Novack, second by S. Paup and unanimously carried to make a motion to recommend to the BOC to proceed with necessary repairs to playground equipment that's necessary to satisfy Insurance company.
- C. Consider recommending to the BOC to make Parents Night Out at the Arboretum an annual event:** Motion by M. McKinnie, second by C. Note and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board to make this an annual event. One in the Spring and One in the Fall.
- D. A motion to add item to the agenda:** Motion by S. Paup, second by M. McKinnie and unanimously carried to add discussion on the Yeck Foundation Funding to the Agenda. Motion by C. Note, second by M. McKinnie and unanimously carried to recommend to the BOC that we apply for the \$20,000.00 Yeck Foundation Grant.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss proposal for deed research at 2290 Gilbertsville Road: G. Churach requested a motion to recommend to the Board to accept the proposal. No motion was offered.

BOARD COMMENTS – G. Churach ~ telephone pole & hedge in site distance at intersection of Pineford Road and Farmington Avenue. He wanted to know if the hedges are on the right of way, can it be trimmed. M. Reddick said if it's not in the right of way, we would have to have Paul from LTL Consultants send a letter to the homeowner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:53 PM to discuss matter of real estate, no action was taken. The Board reconvened at 7:56 PM.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Griffith
Planning & Zoning Administrator