

A meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Those present were Greg Churach, Sherry Paup, Gary Novack and Mark McKinnie. Also present, Township Manager, Michelle Reddick & Planning & Zoning Admin; Assistant Sherri Griffith.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 9, 2025 – Motion by G. Novack, second by M. McKinnie and unanimously carried to approve the September 9, 2025, minutes as presented.

REPORTS

A. Green Allies ~ No report

B. PARRC ~ Mark McKinnie went over the September 24th PARRC Reports that were part of the packet.

C. Chair ~ G. Churach submitted report:

1. Contractor Arbor Metrics is working for Met Ed to mark trees for removal with a red "X". If a tree cannot be reached to mark, blue flagging is placed in the vicinity on brush. Removals to start in late November. There is no cost to residents or Municipalities.
2. A drainage project in Cherry Tree Farms produced some medium size boulders. They will be used at Hollenbach to construct retaining walls.
3. Beech tree leaf disease is now a threat to beech trees in the area. It can be fatal to an infected tree.
4. Parts of the Romig orchard in Lower Pottsgrove Township will be developed into houses.
5. Archery hunting season has begun in our area as follows:

DEER, ARCHERY (Antlered and Antlerless) WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D: Sept. 20-Nov. 15; Sunday, Nov. 16; Nov. 17-22; Sunday, Nov. 23; Nov. 24-28 and Dec. 26-Jan. 24, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss naming of the garden operated by Green Allies at Prout Farm: G.

Churach provided some sample names & asked members to think about it over the next month.

B.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss status of Gilbertsville Road Trail Crossing ~ Township Manager, M. Reddick advised that Chester Valley Engineers will handle the engineering for the amount allotted through grant.

B. Discuss update to the Hollenbach Master Plan ~ G. Churach provided a report with updated changes & suggested reviewing at future meeting when we have drawing's.

BOARD COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Griffith
Planning & Zoning Administrator