

A meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. Those present were Mark McKinnie, Sherry Paup, Gary Novack, Seth Thomas. Also present, Planning & Zoning Admin; Assistant Sherri Griffith. Commissioner Cathy Paretti, and Elwood Taylor were in the audience.

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

REORGANIZATION – Commissioner Cathy Paretti opened up nominations for Chairman. Motion by S. Paup and second by G. Novack and unanimously carried for Mark McKinnie to be Chairman. M. McKinnie opened up nominations for Vice Chairman. S. Paup nominated G. Novack, G. Novack declined. G. Novack nominated S. Paup and second by M. McKinnie and unanimously carried for Sherry Paup to be Vice Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 14, 2025 – Motion by G. Novack, second by S. Thomas and unanimously carried to approve the October 14, 2025, minutes as presented.

REPORTS

- A. Green Allies** ~ Submitted a report
- B. PARRC** ~ M. McKinnie went over the Draft 2025 Annual Report Packet that was prepared by the Regional Recreation Planner Tricia McCloskey, AICP.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. OSR Facebook Page Status** ~ S. Griffith mentioned that she tried to get the page to be transferred to the Township and would like to see if we can keep it going since there is a lot of history on it. G. Novack suggested Mark becomes admin to it. M. McKinnie will reach out to G. Churach to see about getting this taken care of.
- B. Discussion of Hollenbach Engineering Cost** ~ C. Paretti gave an email out from Al Gryga to M. Reddick on 1/6/26 on a list of items that need to be addressed. Board discussed multiple items on that list.
- C. Trail Study Update:** M. McKinnie will get this study to everyone on board at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Naming of Prout Farm Garden** ~ G. Novack made a motion, second S. Paup and unanimously carried to approve the proposed sign.

- B. Status of Gilbertsville Road Crossing** ~ S. Griffith will reach out to Al Gryga and get an update.
- C. Discussion of Turf Management Plan Classification Matrix** ~ M. McKinnie gave out spreadsheet of turf classifications list. Board discussed possibly farming some land out. S. Thomas is going to review spreadsheet and give some feedback.

BOARD COMMENTS –

Seth Thomas is a new member of the Open Space Board. He works for Parks & Rec, in maintenance. He lives on Moyer Road. Parks have been a big part of his life. He’s very excited to be part of the Open Space Board. He’s familiar with grants and has a good support group to guide him. He hopes to be able to help with anything we need.

Gary Novack would like to see about getting a waterline for the landscape around the veteran’s memorial. Maybe tie it into the waterline from the PD/PW building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by G. Novack, second by S. Paup and unanimously carried to adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Griffith
Planning & Zoning Administrator