

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 10, 2026 – Motion by G. Novack, second by S. Thomas and unanimously carried to approve the February 10, 2026 minutes as presented.

REPORTS

A. Green Allies ~ Ken Hamilton from GreenAllies introduced himself to the new member, sharing a brief overview of this background and how he became involved in the work he does today. He gave the history of the property and how the Althouse Arboretum became about. He thanked all the board members for giving them their time as volunteers. He went over his report. He mentioned they plan to have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new building hopefully in April. He encouraged the community to use it. They plan to have Summer Camp again this summer. They have some dates already sold out. High schoolers run the program from 5 different schools.

Ken would like to get 3 Solar Parking Lot Lights. He received a proposal which they will pay for the complete job. S. Griffith mentioned he will most likely need to get a permit. The Board discussed and agreed that a permit application should be submitted before asking for approval from Board of Commissioners.

Animal House Project, nonprofit is partnering to do a 5K Race on the trails. It was done before a long time ago. Looking to have it next September. None of the Board members had any issues with it.

B. PARRC ~ M. McKinnie went over summary of grant overview from 2015-2025.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Hollenbach Site Plan & Project Update ~ M. McKinnie reviewed key project milestones and anticipated timelines. Stormwater testing is expected to be completed in March or April, followed by preparation of plans in April or May. The subsequent step will be submitting the NPDES permit application, a process that typically takes about six months, with approval targeted for November or earlier. Construction drawings are expected to be finalized by the end of the year. The project is planned to be issued for bid in January, with construction anticipated to begin between February and April 2027.

B. Trail Study Update ~ This was tabled for next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Gilbertsville Rd Crossing Update ~ Al Gryga from Chester Valley has submitted for the PennDOT Permit for the crosswalk project.

B. Turf Management Plan ~ S. Thomas mentioned he sat down with Public Works Director and went over the hours for the grass cutting. They didn't do anything with the classification. He plans to get more details of it over the next month or two. G. Novack said he plans to touch base with Jeremy to go over the spreadsheet. M. McKinnie will work on the spreadsheet and highlight it etc. and send it out so the members can make the changes if needed.

C. OSR Facebook Page Discussion ~ M. McKinnie announced he now has access to the page.

BOARD COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Board members convened into Executive Session at 8:25 PM to discuss real estate with no action to follow. Reconvened at 8:42 PM.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Griffith
Planning & Zoning Administrator