



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

August 17, 2017

Minutes

Board members Patrick Dennin (via phone), Christopher Foster (via phone), Lou Lanzalotto, John McManus, Sushila Subramanian, and Cathy Tomlinson were present. Also present was Assistant Township Manager Shanna Lodge.

Call to Order

Ms. Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McManus moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2017. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. There were no further comments and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Establishment of Board Committees

Members of the Board volunteered to direct the group's efforts by leading the following committees:

Facilities – Lou Lanzalotto
Upland Farms – Sushila Subramanian
Trails – Patrick Dennin, Chris Foster
Events – John McManus
Connectivity – Cathy Tomlinson

Mr. Nadkarni will make his committee selection at a future meeting.

Mr. Foster initiated a discussion about signage for Township Parks. Suggested signage included trail maps at trail heads and mileage markers.

Ms. Lodge introduced the Adopt a Road (or Trail) program. Several roads in the Township are currently available for sponsorship by local businesses. Roads are marked with signs indicating the business's participation in the program, and businesses perform cleanup on the roads once or twice annually.

Park and Recreation Board Shirts

Ms. Tomlinson introduced a design idea for Park and Recreation Board T-shirts, which the Board could sport as "walking" advertisements for the recreation opportunities available in Upper Uwchlan Township. Ms. Tomlinson suggested that the shirt feature an outline of Upper Uwchlan Township and a catchy slogan, such as "Hike it – Bike it – Run it – Love it: Upper Uwchlan Township." Mr. Lanzalotto suggested that a local student might be asked to author the design. The group will brainstorm slogan ideas and revisit at their next meeting.

Holiday Tree Lighting Planning

After some discussion, the group selected Saturday, November 25 as the date and Upland Farms as the location for a Holiday Tree Lighting.

Because there is not an appropriately sized tree at Upland Farms, a tree must be brought in for the event. Members of the group suggested two options: A traditional cut tree, or a live tree to be planted and used repeatedly for an annual event. Consensus of the group was in favor of a live tree. A short program could include a musical presentation by a local school choir. Mr. McManus suggested refreshments. Ms. Subramanian suggested activities for children. Mr. Foster suggested that for this and other future events, the Board could create a presentation board highlighting the various recreation facilities that the Township has to offer.

Open Session

Ms. Subramanian presented photographs as ideas for a mural to paint on the wastewater tanks at Upland Farms.

Mr. Lanzalotto shared news that Pat Krall, a former GEYA Baseball player and Upper Uwchlan resident has been drafted into the Major Leagues. Mr. Krall is also an Academic All American. Ms. Lodge will talk to the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors about recognizing Mr. Krall's achievements at an upcoming Supervisors Meeting.

Mr. Lanzalotto announced that the Marsh Creek Eagles Spirit Weekend will be held on August 18 and 19. The public is invited to attend this celebration of the beginning of youth football season.

Mr. Lanzalotto suggested that something be done to improve the entrance to the trails at Hickory Park. Ms. Lodge noted that a good time for improvements might be at the conclusion of the Sunoco Pipeline construction.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be held on September 21, 2017.

Adjournment

Mr. McManus moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Lodge
Park and Recreation Board Secretary