



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

February 15, 2018

Minutes

Board members Christopher Foster, Lou Lanzalotto, Praveen Nadkarni, and Sushila Subramanian were present. Also present was Assistant Township Manager Shanna Lodge.

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Ms. Lodge called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 18. Ms. Subramanian moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Board members offered two corrections – a change of a typo in the date of the minutes, and a change where a word was missing on page 2. The minutes were approved with these two changes.

Old Business

Spring Event Planning

The group commenced a planning discussion for the upcoming spring event, an Easter Egg Hunt, to be held on March 31st at Upland Farms Park. The group selected 10 am – 12 noon as the timing for the event.

Ms. Subramanian gathered information from West Whiteland Township about their annual egg hunt to inform the planning process. Based on her findings, Ms. Subramanian suggested the following: separate hunting waves for 2-5 year olds, 6-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds, and children with special needs; two hunting areas for easy setup between waves, and a whistle to start the hunt. Mr. Foster suggested that poles and caution-style tape can be used to define the hunting areas, and also easily expanded depending on the number of children who attend.

Mr. Lanzalotto confirmed that a local restaurant does donate eggs for events like this; he will confirm how many can be donated, and Ms. Lodge will order the remainder needed. An estimated 3000 eggs are filled for the West Whiteland hunt; a similar amount will likely suffice for Upper Uwchlan. Ms. Subramanian will confirm what the attendance is like at West Whiteland.

The group discussed what crafts should be made available inside the barn for the children during the event. Coloring pages and crayons and sidewalk chalk were suggested. Mr. Foster also suggested a scavenger hunt as an additional activity.

The group confirmed that they would like to collect food donations at the event. Ms. Lodge will reach out to the Chester County Food Bank to see if they will accept and donation and their current needs.

Mr. Foster suggested that having a survey available for residents at the Easter Egg hunt would be a great way to disseminate it.

Hickory Park Playground Planning

Mr. Lanzalotto reiterated that his concern for safety; the playground is currently close to the driveway area, and could be shifted during the redesign. Ms. Lodge noted that if shifting the playground is not feasible, adding fencing along the driveway would help abate safety concerns. Ms. Lodge asked for input about reaching out to the public through an online crowdsourcing survey. Mr. Foster expressed concern about the open ended nature of the website's crowd sourcing capabilities and suggested that the group come up with a few ideas before opening the survey to the public. Ms. Lodge will reach out to a playground consultant to plan a meeting with members of the Board.

New Business

Planning Discussion – Ms. Lodge reminded the group that the Township Planning Consultant, Sheila Fleming, will be present at their March meeting. Mr. Nadkarni suggested that the group focus that discussion around a mid- to long- term strategy. Ms. Subramanian suggested that Upland Farms should be considered in the short term. Mr. Foster requested that the group have a chance to hear about the comprehensive planning vision for the Township, which Ms. Lodge noted that Ms. Fleming can provide. Mr. Lanzalotto discussed the village concept, and the need to divert highway speed traffic out of the Village of Eagle. Ms. Lodge referred the group to the Village Transportation Plan.

Mr. Lanzalotto inquired about the Eagle Pocket Park and Park Road Trail. Ms. Lodge provided an update.

Flag Retirement – Ms. Lodge asked if the group would be interested in helping plan a flag retirement ceremony in the spring. The consensus of the group was that they are indeed interested.

Committee Reports

Facilities - Mr. Lanzalotto reiterated the need for improvements to the trail entrance across from the tennis courts. In addition, he requested that the Township address the graffiti in the dugouts at Hickory Park.

Upland Farms – Ms. Subramanian reiterated the need for trail enhancements such as signage and additional seating space. Ms. Lodge noted that both of these items were part of the submission for the PECO Green Region grant, but that we have not heard back yet.

Trails – No further update.

Events – No further update.

Connectivity – No further update.

DARC – No further update.

Open Session

Ms. Subramanian suggested that the group take another bus tour of the Township parks in the near

future. Mr. Lanzalotto concurred. Ms. Lodge suggested that the group could even schedule a meeting at one of the parks when the weather gets nice.

Mr. Nadkarni echoed sentiments expressed by Mr. Lanzalotto regarding recognizing young people in the community for their exceptional achievements.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be held on March 15, 2018.

Adjournment

Ms. Subramanian moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nadkarni seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna Lodge

Park and Recreation Board Secretary