



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

May 17, 2018

Minutes

Board members Patrick Dennin, Christopher Foster, 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 7:05 pm.

Minutes

Ms. Tomlinson called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 19. Ms. Subramanian moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Lanzalotto seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without comment.

Old Business

Block Party – Ms. Lodge offered an update on the various aspects of the Board's display at the Block Party. Ballot boxes have been ordered to hold the name suggestions for the new park. If the new park is completed, the Park and Rec Board's table will be located in the new park.

The group discussed the t-shirt and magnet order. Ms. Lodge will order 25 t-shirts – for the Board and youth volunteers – and 3,000 magnets with the logo voted on by the Park and Rec Board.

As the group requested, Ms. Lodge ordered trail maps to display at the Block Party. These will include the master plan pedestrian trail map and an updated "Trails on the Ground" map.

Resident Survey – As discussed at the last meeting, Ms. Lodge created a survey with the same questions as the survey that was disseminated by the Township in 2008. The group discussed issuing the survey at the Block Party. Mr. Dennin recommended that the survey be live for a shorter amount of time. Given that the survey will be promoted in the fall newsletter, it was the consensus of the group that issuing the survey in the fall, rather than at the Block Party, was a better choice. Mr. McManus suggested offering an incentive, such as a digital assistant device, as a prize to a randomly selected survey respondent.

Flag Retirement – The event, which will take place on May 26 at Upland Farms, will be run by the Patriotic Order of Sons and a local boy scout troop. The Park and Rec Board will provide refreshments for this event. Ms. Subramanian and Mr. Foster offered to staff the refreshment table. Mr. Foster will order and pick up water and cookies from Acme for the event.

Playground – Ms. Lodge presented the group with playground designs from the following vendors: Little Tykes Commercial, Landscape Structures, and Kompan. Kompan provided the Township with the most thorough design and information, and is also currently running a grant round. The Kompan equipment line selected for the design is organic Robinia wood. The pieces selected for the design, which is inspired by the proximity to Marsh Creek and the aesthetic, are water and lake themed and include water lily balance posts, boats, and splash tables, as well as a large climber with two slides and a parkour climbing structure.

Ms. Tomlinson requested references from local places that have Robinia equipment installed. Mr. Dennin suggested we get a price on extending the service contract that Kompan offers. The group advised Ms. Lodge to move forward applying for the \$50,000 grant Kompan is currently offering.

If a grant award results in the project coming in under budget, additional enhancements to the playground could be added. The group discussed the following: additional/upgraded fencing, improvements to playground drainage, additional benches/seating. Other priorities for improvements to Hickory Park were also discussed. Mr. Dennin suggested installing a t-ball courts. Mr. Lanzalotto suggested an expansion of the dugouts at the baseball diamonds.

Committee Reports

Facilities – The new Fellowship Fields sign has been installed. Mr. Dennin reported that a user group expressed concerns about the fencepost by the home team batting area at Field 1 at Hickory Park.

Upland Farms – Ms. Subramanian applauded the work of the local Eagle Scout picnic tables project at Upland Farms. Ms. Subramanian further suggested that a picnic pavilion would be a nice addition to a park. Ms. Tomlinson agreed, but advised that the placement should be in keeping with the master plan for the park.

Trails – No further update.

Events – Upcoming events include the Block Party, Tree Lighting, and potentially an event to celebrate the opening of the new playground. The group discussed an event to celebrate the completion of the Park Road Trail, but concluded that this would likely take place in 2019.

Regional Connections – Ms. Tomlinson hopes to meet with personnel from MCSP in the summer to continue discussions of a trail connection from the west to east side of the Park.

DARC – Mr. Nadkarni sent an update to the Board via email in advance of the meeting. Ms. Lodge announced that DARC will have a table at the Township Block Party.

Open Session

No comments.

Next Meeting

The group elected to cancel their June meeting. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be held on July 19, 2018.

Adjournment

Mr. Dennin moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna Lodge

Park and Recreation Board Secretary