



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

March 21, 2019
Upper Uwchlan Township Schoolhouse
Minutes

Board members Patrick Dennin, Christopher Foster, Lou Lanzalotto, John McManus, Praveen Nadkarni, 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 6:00 PM.

New Business

Ms. Nicole Luecker, the newly appointed Executive Director of DARC was in attendance to introduce herself and offer an overview of upcoming DARC programming. Ms. Luecker comes to DARC as an experienced recreation professional, having worked most recently in the Lancaster area.

Ms. Luecker announced that the Spring/Summer 2019 DARC program guide is now available. Residents will be receiving their copies via USPS soon. Ms. Luecker distributed program guides as well as single sheet flyers for the summer camps that are most local to Upper Uwchlan Township. These include: playground camps, science camps, specialty camps, and full day adventure camps.

Mr. Nadkarni invited DARC to present an introduction of their camps and programs at a UUT facility in the next few weeks. Ms. Leuker will coordinate with Ms. Lodge to determine a time and location.

Ms. Luecker noted that she wants to learn what programs are most desired by UUT residents. Ms. Subramanian noted that additional classes and events geared toward adults would be appreciated. A discussion of the popular DARC bus trips followed. Ms. Lodge will send Ms. Luecker the results of the resident survey. Ms. Tomlinson suggested that the group think about UUT programming needs and follow up with Mr. Nadkarni, who can pass this along to DARC. Mr. Foster recommended that DARC camps be advertised at the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.

Minutes

Mr. Lanzalotto moved to discuss the minutes of February 21. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion.

Mr. Lanzalotto asked to open a conversation about Hickory Park lighting, which was a point of discussion at the February meeting. Mr. Lanzalotto advocated for including the lighting of two of the baseball diamonds, Fields 2 and 3, as a high priority. He agreed that enhanced parking lot/safety lighting is needed. However, he noted that the previous Park and Recreation Board had advocated for lighting the baseball fields when these were first built. He noted that he disagreed with the priorities laid out at the February meeting, and advocated that the report to the Board of Supervisors reflect that baseball field lighting is as high a priority as basketball and tennis lighting.

Ms. Tomlinson inquired about the amount of time that the lights on the baseball fields would be used, given the limited season of grass field usage, and the lighting ordinance cut off times. Mr. Dennin echoed Ms. Tomlinson's comments, and noted that while he is not against lighting the baseball fields, he

is also not strongly in favor. Ms. Subramanian stated that she is in support of basketball lighting, but also not opposed to baseball lighting.

Mr. McManus suggested that the Board first learn how much money has been specifically allocated for Hickory Park lighting, then get quotes for the various projects and proceed from there. Ms. Lodge will gather this information and report back to the Board.

Following this discussion, Ms. Lodge recommended the following changes to the minutes of February 21: In the third paragraph of the annual report section, to change “consensus of the group” to “consensus of those in attendance.” In the second paragraph of the annual report section, to include the sentence, “Ms. Tomlinson noted that she spoke with Police Chief John DeMarco regarding EMS access and confirmed that there is stretcher access to all fields.”

Mr. Dennin moved to approve the minutes February 21 with the above-mentioned changes. Mr. Nadkarni seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without further comment.

Old Business

Playground Ribbon Cutting and Easter Egg Hunt – The Playground Ribbon-Cutting and 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 am on April 13. Rain date for the event is April 20. The Board should plan to arrive at 9 am for set-up. The event has been registered as a food drive with the Chester County Food Bank. The following locations were selected for the various egg hunt zones: The two to five year-olds on the playground itself, the six and seven year-olds on Field 2, and the eight to ten year-olds on Field 3. These locations will prevent the need for children to cross any of the parking lots. Ms. Lodge will procure signage for these age locations.

Ms. Lodge provided an update on the supplies which have been purchased for the event. Various filled Easter eggs and pre-hunt activity supplies – crayons and play-doh – have been procured. Mr. Dennin will bring the Easter Bunny costume and food donation bins.

The members of the Board of Supervisors have been invited to speak at the ribbon cutting portion of the event. Mr. McManus will advise on a good, small, public address system to purchase for this and future events. Mr. Dennin recommended that the ribbon cut moment can be the “Go!” for the littlest children.

Annual Report – Ms. Tomlinson will attend the Board of Supervisors joint Board and Commission meeting on April 9 to present the report to the Supervisors. Ms. Lodge will update the report to reflect the baseball lighting discussion. Ms. Lodge will also update the report to clarify which “Board” is which.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Mr. Lanzalotto noted that there will be a delay in the opening of the grass fields for the season due to weather.

Upland Farms – No further update.

Trails – Ms. Tomlinson suggested that an upcoming meeting be a “walking meeting,” so that the Board can explore and assess the trail system. A discussion followed regarding which trails/connections should be highest priority for completion. The following trails were discussed:

Windsor Ridge – the group confirmed previous discussions regarding connecting Windsor Ridge to the larger trail system. A connection relatively small in size will have a big impact.

Pondview – Mr. Dennin noted that this is a connection that was promised by the Hankin Development Group and is ostensibly already paid for. Ms. Lodge will get a copy of the currently proposed plans for the Hankin property in this area and report back.

Fetters – The connection along Milford Road adjacent to the Fetters property would complete a significant section of the Central Loop Trail. Ms. Lodge will procure these trail plans and report back.

Mr. Foster noted that both the northwest third of the Township and the area west of Mash Creek Lake both lack any significant trail system. Ms. Lodge noted that this is due to the age of these areas, as these are some of the older developments in the Township, established at a time when trails were not prioritized.

Mr. Lanzalotto noted that the entrance to the trails at Hickory Park needs to be cleaned up and made more appealing.

Events – No further update.

Regional Trail Planning – Ms. Tomlinson noted that the Struble Trail approval will likely be before the Upper Uwchlan Township Planning Commission in May. She further described the motion activated PennDOT crossing.

DARC – No further update.

Open Session

There were no comments.

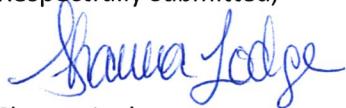
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board is scheduled for April 18, 2019. This meeting will be held at 6PM at 415 Eagleview Boulevard, Suite 116. Mr. Dennin requested that calendar invitations be sent for upcoming meetings via email.

Adjournment

Mr. Dennin moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna Lodge

Park and Recreation Board Secretary

