



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

February 20, 2020
Temporary Administration Office
415 Eagleview Blvd., Suite 116
Minutes

Board members Patrick Dennin, Chris Foster, Lou Lanzalotto, Sushila Subramanian and Cathy Tomlinson were present. Also present was Acting Township Manager Shanna Lodge.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Foster moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2020. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

Trail Ordinance recommendation

Ms. Subramanian reported that she was unable to attend the West Whiteland meeting, as it was cancelled. Ms. Tomlinson reported that she followed up with Chester County parks about trail ordinances. She learned that trail regulations are most often included in Subdivision and Land Development ordinances (SALDO).

Mr. Dennin drafted a memorandum to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Park and Recreation Board's support of developer funded trail connections. Mr. Foster inquired about the process. Ms. Lodge explained that after the Supervisors receive a memo. If the Supervisors elect to move forward with an ordinance amendment, it will be sent to Township counsel for proper legal review before coming to a vote.

New Business

Conversation with Supervisor Sandy D'Amico

Ms. D'Amico attended the meeting to talk to the Park and Recreation Board about the setting of short- and long-term goals. She noted her love and appreciation for the Township's passive and active recreation facilities. She highlighted her support for acquiring additional recreation areas, and her desire to obtain space suitable for the playing of Cricket.

The group discussed the potential for ordinance review. Ms. D'Amico noted that this is something many of the boards and commissions will be exploring in the coming months.

The group discussed the issue of lights at Hickory Park. Ms. Lodge noted that replacement of the parking lot lights is on the schedule. Members of the Board reiterated their request for lighting at the entrance. Mr. Dennin noted that the group has discussed basketball, tennis and volleyball as priorities, and observed the difficulty with lighting for baseball games given the lack of timed games. Ms. D'Amico noted that much more fact finding and analysis should be conducted before decisions are made.

The group discussed safety along the Park Road Trail crossings. Ms. Lodge will follow up with Township staff and consultants, along with PennDOT as needed.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Township Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4, with a rain date of April 11. Due to the pipeline construction closure of Hickory Park, the group decided to locate the event at Upland Farms. The event will include the following: face painting, crayon favors and coloring stations inside the Barn, an Easter Bunny (costume provided by Mr. Dennin), individually wrapped chocolate chip cookies (obtained by Mr. Foster) and food donation collection for the Chester County food bank. Candy and toy filled eggs will be purchased in the same quantities as 2019.

The group decided to modify the age category areas as follows: 2 and under, 3 to 5, 6 to 7, and 8 to 10. Mr. Foster and Ms. Lodge will work to create a map of the hunting areas.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Mr. Lanzalotto reported that the stone wall along Fellowship Fields requires re-pointing.

DARC – Ms. Lodge reported that the Township will be promoting DARC summer camps in the spring newsletter.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be on March 16, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Shanna Lodge
Park and Recreation Board Secretary