



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

August 20, 2020
Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Board members Stephen Beckman, Patrick Dennin, Lou Lanzalotto, Praveen Nadkarni, Sushila Subramanian and Cathy Tomlinson were present. Also present was Assistant Township Manager Shanna Lodge.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Subramanian moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2020 with this change. Mr. Lanzalotto seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

Drive-In Movie Event – Ms. Tomlinson reported that the Drive-In Movie event, which was held on Wednesday, August 19, was a success. Ms. Lodge had previously reported to the Board that the event attendance totaled 35 cars and 127 people, which was less than registered, but a good turnout. Ms. Tomlinson echoed comments emailed by Mr. Chris Foster, who indicated that more advance notice of the film may increase turnout, signage could help traffic flow, and supported additional events like this as budgeting allows. Ms. Lodge read the group thank-you emails from attendees. Ms. Beckman noted that offering safe events during COVID goes a long way. It was the consensus of the group that additional outdoor movie night events should be planned for the fall. Ms. Lodge will follow up with the movie screen company.

New Business

Upcoming Event Planning – The group discussed plans for upcoming events for the remainder of the calendar year. Suggestions included a Halloween event to include: a movie, possibly *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, a costume or car decoration contest, and Trunk or Treat. The Park and Rec Board members volunteers to be the costume judges.

In lieu of the standard Tree Lighting event held in recent years, which has been held at Upland Farms, the group discussed a Township-wide house lighting/decorating event, with a drive-by Township Tree Lighting kickoff. Residents who decorate their houses could submit their locations and then a master map of decorated homes could be created. Ms. Subramanian suggested that an inflatable Santa could be set up at Upland Farms for selfies with Santa. The group will brainstorm names for the event. The kickoff night, on which the Tree Lighting will occur can remain as scheduled on November 28.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Mr. Lanzalotto noted that storm runoff necessitates better containment of the mulch at the playground at Hickory Park. Ms. Lodge noted that additional mulch has been ordered and indicated that the Township staff would inquire about adding curbing to contain the mulch.

Ms. Lodge reported that Township Manager Tony Scheivert garnered quotes for resurfacing the tennis and basketball courts. The low bidder was Breneman, which comes recommended by the Windsor Ridge

HOA. The Breneman quote for labor totaled \$14,027.02, with an additional \$17,463.98 for supplies through a Costars contract. Ms. Tomlinson called for a vote to recommend this purchase and contract to the Board of Supervisors. The vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Lanzalotto inquired about replacing the turf field at Fellowship. Ms. Tomlinson advised that there is \$428,000 in the turf field fund. She further noted that Mr. Scheivert is exploring testing and cleaning the turf to assess remaining life.

Upland Farms – Ms. Subramanian reported that the windowpane in the upstairs of the Barn is still loose. Ms. Subramanian suggested that additional picnic tables in the picnic area at Upland would be used by residents and local groups. She recommended three additional tables.

Trails – Ms. Tomlinson and Mr. Lanzalotto reported that the added pedestrian signage at the Park Road Trail crossings is working well. Ms. Subramanian noted that the trails are well used during the COVID pandemic.

Events – No further discussion.

Regional Trail Planning – Ms. Tomlinson expressed frustration at the latest hearing continuance related to the Struble Trail extension.

DARC – Mr. Nadkarni reported that DARC summer camps did not go as well as the organization hoped, and New York bus trips are, of course, cancelled due to the Broadway shutdown. He regretfully informed the Board that the DARC Board is considering cancelling programs through the end of the calendar year.

Open Session

Ms. Subramanian inquired about the Sunoco drilling mud spill at Marsh Creek Lake. Ms. Lodge provided a summary. Mr. Nadkarni asked Ms. Tomlinson to bring the Windsor Ridge Trail connection request before the Board at the September 8 joint Boards and Commissions meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board is scheduled for August 20, 2020.

Adjournment

Ms. Subramanian moved to adjourn. Mr. Nadkarni seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna Lodge

Park and Recreation Board Secretary