

UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

July 18, 2019

Minutes

Board members Lou Lanzalotto, 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.

Minutes

Mr. Nadkarni moved to approve the minutes of May 16. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as drafted.

Old Business

2019 Block Party – The group discussed the 2019 Block Party, which was held on June 15. There was good weather, and the event was well-attended. The crowd was somewhat tight due to the limited space resulting from the Township Building construction.

Ms. Subramanian and Mr. Foster were commended for their efforts at the event. The pop-up canopy provided much needed shelter from the sun. The sunglasses were a popular giveaway item, as were the trail maps. Changes suggested included: less time needed for setup, and shorter (1 hour) blocks for staffing the table so that the burden does not fall on just a few.

Ms. Tomlinson noted that it would be helpful to have a team of event volunteers to supplement the work of the Board.

New Business

Trail event – Starting in 2020, a fall event should be introduced that will highlight trails. Suggestions included: geocaching and highlighting historic or cultural areas of interest. Ms. Tomlinson noted that it would be interesting to post an interactive map of trails that attendees could mark with a sticker to indicate where they would like to see trails established.

Tree Lighting – The group confirmed that the date for the 2019 Tree Lighting is November 30, with a rain date of December 1.

Township Announcements – Ms. Lodge provided the following announcements: A conditional use hearing regarding the Struble Trail will be held on July 24 at 6 PM at the Township Office. Work on the Park Road Trail has resumed after a short break and continues on schedule. Fencing around the playground at Hickory Park will be installed in the next few weeks. An electrician is currently performing an assessment of the panels and connections at Hickory Park.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Mr. Lanzalotto noted the following: Near the first entrance to Heron Hill Drive, there are two significant dips in the newly installed Park Road Trail. There is a problem with the irrigation system at the ballfields at Hickory Park resulting from the restructuring of the pitchers' mounds. The doorframes

of the press boxes at Hickory Park need another coat of paint and primer. One sign on the fence at Fellowship Fields needs to be re-attached. Ms. Lodge will follow up on these items with the appropriate parties.

Mr. Lanzalotto further noted that a youth baseball tournament is currently taking place at Hickory Park, and that the park is drawing many compliments from the visiting teams. He shared that 71 students from the Downingtown high schools have received Division 1 athletic scholarships for college, a testament to the quality of the facilities throughout the Downingtown school district.

Upland Farms – Ms. Lodge announced that the RFP for mold remediation in the Farmhouse is out for bid. Ms. Subramanian commented that there is another dead tree near the wastewater tank. Mr. Nadkarni noted that Upland Farms is a great location for Scout projects.

Trails – No further update.

Events – No further update.

Regional Trail Planning – Ms. Tomlinson shared that she has connected with two of the Supervisors regarding a trail ordinance.

DARC – Mr. Nadkarni conveyed that the summer camps are going well, and that the DARC Board is on summer recess.

Open Session

No comments.

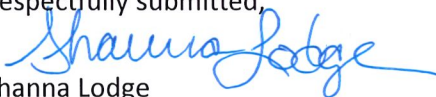
Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM at a location to be determined. The meeting may be postponed or cancelled due to Board availability.

Adjournment

Mr. Nadkarni moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna Lodge

Park and Recreation Board Secretary