



**Upper Uwchlan Township  
Park & Recreation Board**

Minutes

March 24, 2009

6:30 pm

**In Attendance:** Elaine Benson, Secretary; Robert Phillips, Chairman; Steve Beckman, Vice-Chairman; David Calvaresi, Member; Dan Driscoll, Member; Al Gaspari, Township Staff; Kimberly Haas-Diliberto, Member; Mike Mastrog, Member; Cruz Sigala, Member.

**Call to Order:** Bob called the meeting to Order at 6:38 pm.

**Minutes:**

Dan made a Motion, seconded by Al, to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2009. It was so moved.

The Park & Recreation Board welcomed visitor Tim Harnish and his father Phil to our meeting. Tim is working on his Boy Scout Communications Badge and part of that requirement is to attend a public meeting.

**Budget:**

Elaine presented the Board with a breakdown of payments made in January and February, 2009. The Board would like this to be matched up against our yearly budget. A question was raised that if the Levensgood's pumping at Hickory Park is being paid out of our account, but the reimbursement is going into the general fund? Al noted that the Aqua bills are high this month due to a leak and he is working to get some credit back for this. The Park & Recreation Board is glad to have this report back into our packet and likes having the monthly explanation of payments.

**Reports on Committees:**

1. DARC-

Elaine noted she attend the DARC March 5, 2009 meeting along with Kris to introduce him as the new Upper Uwchlan representative. DARC discussed joining of the area Chambers of Commerce, how to get additional advertising of their programs and the new brochure is probably their biggest one yet.

2. Trails Committee-

Bob noted he and Elaine attended a "town trails conference" this past Thursday that was very informative. We will be meeting to ascertain the status of trails already done and those to be dedicated and then develop a list of "priorities" for any missing links that we would like in preparation of the 2010 budget.

### **3. Project Update-**

**TU1**-Al stated a preconstruction meeting is scheduled and construction by JMC will be commencing as soon as the next two weeks. In addition to dirt from Hankin, we may also be able to get some from the "southern link". Some issues to be determined include emergency services, maintenance, including a source for water as well as accessibility. Al noted that PennDOT has new requirements to provide ADA curbing. We will include fencing in the 2010 budget.

**Fellowship Fields**-Al stated he has the soils test that were and that maintenance plans will be based on those results. Al did meet with a few people regarding suggested maintenance for both Fellowship Fields and Hickory Park. After small discussion, the Park & Rec will do the bid document for field maintenance based on our needs-Al and Steve will work together on this document. The Park & Rec will review this document at our next meeting before it goes out to bid. The Board also discussed a very rough schedule for the light installation if we still plan for March Creek Eagle to use Fellowship in the fall, 2010. Dan will work on an RFP for the lights so we are prepared to go out for bid in January, 2010 for a July 2010 installation. A project "phase" sheet, as prepared by Gilmore & Associates, was in tonight's packet for future planning use.

**VPP**-Elaine noted that a resident has requested some more time to review the Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources Plan and that this plan can be adopted next month.

**Park Road Trail**-Elaine noted that PennDOT is waiting on some recalculations of the final bridge plans and once received, a meeting will be held. We are hoping for PennDOT to give final approval and possibly begin this project this year. Phase IV of this trail which is from the bridge to Marsh Creek State Park will also be worked on this year-there is some tweaking of the engineering to be done now that we are going to continue on the north side of Park Road-and hope to have PennDOT's approval this year for construction of this phase in 2010.

**Upland Farm**-Elaine noted that the Upland Farm Advisory Committee has been working with Ray Ott to develop a Site Plan and that we reviewed our February survey. A dog park was a popular "others" answer. Elaine noted that she did research dog parks and will type up a synopsis for next month's meeting.

**Community Events**-Elaine noted that invitations went out to the businesses/vendors for the June 20<sup>th</sup> Block Party. She has not received an answer from Mr. Nodland at Toll Brothers yet-it was suggested she contact Mr Downs instead.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

See TU1 above.

#### **Announcements/Open Session:**

Al noted that per the Board's request, a memorandum was forwarded recommending fencing at Hickory Park and was asked to give numbers for concrete posts. The Board would like to fencing at Fields 1, 2 & 4 to prevent future field turfing damages. It was noted that GEYA did a nice job on fixing the turf damage on Field 2.

Elaine was asked about the field fees. She noted that all groups using the fields presently have paid their fees and that interestingly, requested times were pared down quite a bit from years past.

Kimberly stated that the Large Animal Protection Society (LAPS) is looking for a place for horses and that Upland Farm may be a good site. Al noted that LAPS has been in prior contact with the Township and that a part of them using the site would require a 30 year lease which was too long term for the Township.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to be discussed, Steve made a Motion, seconded by David, to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Benson,  
Secretary