



**Upper Uwchlan Township
Park & Recreation Board**

Minutes
April 28, 2009
6:30 pm

In Attendance: Elaine Benson, Secretary; Jack Carpenter, Member; Dan Driscoll, Member; Robert Phillips, Chairman; Kimberly Haas-Diliberto, Member; Mike Mastrog, Member; Cruz Sigala, Member.

Call to Order: Bob called the meeting to Order at 6:36 pm.

Minutes:

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

Budget:

The Board reviewed the Budget. The Board would like to meet with the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer before working on our 2010 budget. We will schedule this meeting for June if possible.

Reports on Committees:

1. DARC-

The Board reviewed the DARC Minutes from March-they have been very busy!

2. Trails Committee-

There was small discussion about development HOA trails and Township trails-it is our understanding that there will be a Township meeting regarding these issues. A trails logo sign is to be placed along the Park Road trail and the Share the Road signs will be installed. Dan noted the path from Marsh Creek State Park to Struble Trail by the paper mill is open.

3. Project Update-

TU1-Construction of the fields continues and the retaining wall is complete. Depending on the weather and grass growth, we could possibly use these fields in spring, 2010. The Board would like a project schedule post-construction.

Fellowship Fields -Dan noted he will have specs for the lighting RFP next month for the Board's review. Elaine noted that Al had a Life Scout and his troop pick up rocks from the fields. Bob noted that the goose problem was discussed at the joint Boards/Commissions workshop last month and that it was agreed we have a problem there. Elaine will follow up with Al regarding the maintenance RFP.

VPP-Elaine noted that the Open Space Plan appeared to be a highlight at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, particularly the labeling of the fields. This has been resolved. A suggestion was made that perhaps in the future, representatives from GEYA and MCE should attend our meetings to prevent any future misunderstandings or

misinformation. Elaine noted she is waiting on some revised language for this document and hopes to have it before the Board of Supervisors next month.

Upland Farm-Elaine noted that the Upland Farm Advisory Committee has been working with Ray Ott to develop a Site Plan and that Committee expects a document last month as we near the end of our contract with Ray. Elaine presented the Board with a “working map” that the Upland Farm Committee is working with. A question was raised about the possibility of a Dog Park at this site-Elaine and Bob noted that at our last Committee meeting, the Upland Farm Committee will not be recommending a combined use of passive park space and animals, as LAPS had shown interest in the site as well. Once the Committee has completed its work with Ray, we will be engaging an architect to help that Committee recommend feasible uses of the house and barn. The Park and Recreation Board were supplied with copies of this year’s Committee notes.

Community Events-Elaine noted that planning is going very well for the Block Party on June 20th and will include a mechanical bull, a moon bounce, inflatable jousting, a petting zoo and pony rides, a magician, a face painter, a clown and a puppet show as well as a d.j. to provide music. Local businesses have been requesting space along Route 100. Elaine noted she has received sponsorship from a few businesses.

Unfinished Business:

Elaine supplied the Board with a synopsis of information regarding Dog Parks per the Board’s request. There was no discussion.

The Board did hold small discussion over the request to host a K-9 Competition at the Park for the weekend of 9/11, 9/12 & 9/13/09. The Board is fine with Saturday, but had concerns about Friday night interfering with football and would like a definite time the competition will be over on Sunday in case they need to schedule any games. Elaine will contact Officer Davis with this request and report back to the Board.

New Business:

Field requests for the lacrosse camp, MCE and Malvern Summer League basketball were all approved. The Board reviewed the Downingtown Soccer Club letter dated 3/31/09, wherein they introduce their club and request practice space. There is no space available this year at Hickory-we will table this request until the end of this year once we have a more realistic idea of when our other fields may be available.

Announcements/Open Session:

Mike requested that the electric junction boxes at Hickory Park be checked as he noticed there were some exposed wires at the box by Field 1. Elaine noted she will let Al know.

It was noted that it appears there are some organized teams using the Park without a permit and that to those groups who have gone through the approval process and paid their usage fees this is not fair. We will monitor this situation and if appropriate, nicely remind them that organized groups who use the Park on a consistent basis need to get a permit. We believe there is a posted sign requesting this, but we will put signs where appropriate for those groups that may not know our procedures. There was small discussion regarding the usage fees and policies- the Board was unanimous that our fees and policies should be applied to everyone in fairness to those who do cooperate and that

we do need to develop a punch list for after use to access any damages/repairs that may need to be done and that may affect that permit holder's future use.

David Calvaresi, who was not present tonight, asked Elaine to present a bill from GEYA for work done on the fields and asked that the Park & Recreation consider recommending approval to pay –the bill totals roughly \$2300. The Board agreed and requested Elaine put this bill in for payment.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be discussed, Mike made a Motion, seconded by Cruz, to adjourn at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Benson,
Secretary