



**Upper Uwchlan Township  
Park & Recreation Board**

Minutes  
May 26, 2009  
6:30 pm

**In Attendance:** Steve Beckman, Vice-Chairman; Elaine Benson, Secretary; David Calvaresi, Member; Dan Driscoll, Member; Al Gaspari, Member; Mike Mastrog, Member; Robert Phillips, Chairman.

**Call to Order:** Bob called the meeting to Order at 6:40 pm.

**Presentation:**

Scott Brown and members, coaches and players of Downingtown Rugby Football Club presented themselves before the Board to propose their long term use of Field #4 as a home field. Scott presented the board with the background, their current situation, their proposal, what they can offer and the benefits to the Township. There was a brief question and answer period between the Board and the Rugby Club. The Club was requested to provide the Board with numbers of where their members come from, although a majority attend Downingtown East. We thanked the Club for attending the meeting and that we will get back to them regarding their proposal.

**Minutes:**

Bob made a Motion, seconded by Dan, to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2009. It was so moved.

**Budget:**

The budget was not available for tonight's meeting. The Board stated they would like this at every meeting and would also like a report of the total spent month, the expenses year to date and remaining balances. Elaine noted she would advise the Township Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of this request. The Board also requested that the monthly reports show revenue.

Steve Egnaczyk presented himself as the GEYA Soccer representative. Steve attended tonight to open communication between soccer and the Park and Rec Board. Steve advised us of soccer's field needs (they need 10) and he was assured that we will have fields for them; however, we cannot provide them with 10 fields and as not all members reside in Upper Uwchlan, it is not the Township's responsibility solely to provide all the fields they need. Steve noted that the soccer club is willing to help the Township secure more fields and are willing to support the Park and Recreation. Spring is their biggest season. Steve was requested to provide the board with the size of fields they need. The Board thanked Steve for attending and looks forward to a future working relationship.

**Reports on Committees:**

1. DARC-

The Board received the DARC packet from their April 9, 2009 meeting. Elaine noted she received an email that DARC will not meet during the summer and will re-convene in September.

2. Trails Committee-

Bob reported trails are being planned at Upland Farm and we are waiting for approvals for the pedestrian turnpike bridge.

**3. Project Update-**

TU1-Al noted the contractors are still working on the fields and that this is moving along.

Fellowship Fields –The rocks on these fields need to be picked up so we can continue the growing schedule. Steve and David noted they would contact GEYA Soccer and Marsh Creek Eagles respectively to pick up rocks: GEYA Soccer is scheduled to do this on Saturday, 6/6/09 at noon and MCE on Sunday, 6/7/09 at noon. A concern was raised regarding the field dimensions and if they were sufficient to meet the requirements of the Pop Warner League-Dan offered to measure the fields and will confirm this at our next meeting.

Upland Farm-The Board was provided the notes from the April 16, 2009 Committee meeting.

Community Events-Elaine reminded everyone of the Block Party on June 20, 2009.

Lee Cummings of GEYA Baseball attended this meeting to review and if necessary, tweak the permit process. After brief discussion, Lee noted that everything went well with the scheduling this year and appreciated the work Public Works did on the hills. There are still some drainage issues that need to be addressed. Lee also requested a copy of the maintenance plan once it is complete.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Board asked if the arrangements were finalized for the K-9 competition; Elaine noted that football will begin at 6:00 pm that night and that baseball was also advised. The Board voiced concern over the parking lot between the competitors leaving and football arriving-Elaine noted she will advise Officer Davis of this concern.

**New Business:**

TU-1-Elaine noted the Board of Supervisors has requested we name TU-1. A suggestion was made by David that we name this site “Larkins Field” as the Larkins Bridge is just down the street. The Board unanimously agreed on this name. Elaine will forward a memo to the Board of Supervisors for their approval of this recommendation.

A small discussion was held regarding the open field at the Greenridge development. This field is a neighborhood field as there is no available parking and access is limited.

Elaine noted that the Board has a request from GEYA for fall ball on Field #3. Elaine was asked if MCE has submitted a request-yes last month for Fields #1, 2 & 4. The Board made it clear that MCE cannot have access to Field #3 so as not to interfere with fall ball and that no flag and tackle can be on the fields simultaneously for safety purposes and parking capacity.

**Announcements/Open Session:**

Al noted that a group from XL Insurance will be at Hickory Park on June 3<sup>rd</sup> doing work for the Day of Global Giving.

The Board further discussed the rugby presentation. Steve made a recommendation we approve their request but that we set up conditions for any future approval. It was suggested we call the rugby group back to our meeting in June.

Mike remarked that the right side of the outfield on Field 1 is still bad due to the damage from football. It was noted that MCE bought a tarp, but more are needed to prevent damage on the sidelines as has happened in previous years.

**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