



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

June 27, 2017

Minutes

Board members Patrick Dennin (via phone), Christopher Foster, Lou Lanzaletto, John McManus, Praveen Nadkarni (via phone), Sushila Subramanian, and Cathy Tomlinson were present. Also present was Assistant Township Manager Shanna Lodge.

Call to Order

Ms. Lodge called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Organization for 2017

Ms. Lodge led a discussion of the responsibilities of the various officer positions. Multiple members of the Board expressed an interest in officer positions. The Board proceeded to nominate and elect officers to serve for the remainder of calendar year 2017.

Ms. Tomlinson nominated Ms. Lodge, staff liaison for the Board, for the position of Secretary. Mr. Dennin seconded the motion, and the Board appointed Ms. Lodge as Secretary. Ms. Tomlinson nominated herself for the position of Chairperson. Mr. Lanzaletto seconded the motion, and the Board appointed Ms. Tomlinson as Chairperson. Mr. McManus nominated himself for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Dennin seconded the motion, and the Board appointed Mr. McManus as Vice-Chairman.

Ms. Tomlinson led the remainder of the meeting.

Review of Board Responsibilities

Ms. Lodge reviewed the authority of the Board of Supervisors as outlined in Chapter 27 of the Upper Uwchlan Township Code. A discussion of the Board's anticipated budget needs followed. Ms. Lodge clarified that the Park and Recreation Board budget is distinct from the Township's budgeted expenditures for park maintenance and park related capital expenditures.

Hickory Park Baseball Diamond Lighting

Mr. Lanzaletto provided an overview of the proposed lighting for Hickory Park. Fields No. 2 and 3 are under consideration for lighting, with the support of and at the request of the Township's primary little league user, Glenmore Eagle Youth Association (GEYA).

Ms. Subramanian inquired if the basketball courts at Hickory Park were under consideration for lights. Mr. Dennin echoed this sentiment, and inquired whether the demand for use of the baseball fields was high enough to justify the expense. Ms. Lodge noted that basketball courts were not currently under

consideration, but that this could be explored. Mr. Lanzalotto noted that, while the expense is high, GEYA anticipates that a portion of the funding could be provided through donations.

Ms. Tomlinson asked that research be conducted into lighted baseball diamonds in the area and whether the installation of lights increased demand. Ms. Lodge will follow up.

A discussion followed regarding re-installing netting at Hickory Park Field 2 to prevent baseballs from entering the turnpike. Ms. Lodge will consult Township Manager Cary Vargo regarding options.

Upland Farms Master Plan Review

Ms. Tomlinson provided the Board with some history of Upland Farms, the Township's passive recreation park. Ms. Lodge reported that much of the 2009 Master Plan for the park, particularly trails, has been completed, and noted that the idea for a band shell or amphitheater has been relocated to the planned pocket park to be located adjacent to the Township Building. Ms. Lodge informed the Board that the anticipated next step toward the completion of the Upland Farm Master Plan is the adaptive reuse of the barn. A 2012 feasibility study estimated the cost of the project at \$1.8 million. A discussion of fundraising options followed, with Ms. Subramanian noting that fundraising events held on site at Upland Farms will increase awareness of the vision for the property. Mr. Nadkarni suggested a 5K fun run. Ms. Tomlinson suggested that in future meetings the Board aim to develop a unified vision for fundraising for the project. Ms. Subramanian encouraged the Board to identify both short term and long term goals.

Open Session

Earlier in the meeting, Ms. Lodge noted that the Township would like to conduct a survey of residents to determine park and recreation needs and desires. The Board agreed that this survey would offer direction going forward. Mr. McManus suggested that residents may be interested in a dog park.

Ms. Tomlinson suggested that at a future meeting, the Board take time to "tour" the Township and its property assets. Ms. Tomlinson also suggested that the Board could appoint committees to explore different issues related to parks and recreation.

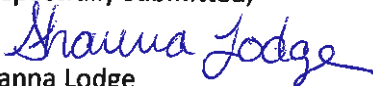
Next Meeting

The Board selected the third Thursday of the month as their meeting date. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be held on July 20, 2017.

Adjournment

Mr. Lanzalotto moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Shanna Lodge
Park and Recreation Board Secretary