



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

September 21, 2017

Minutes

Board members Christopher Foster, 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 7:00 pm.

Open Session

For the benefit of a group of individuals who attended the meeting for the purpose of speaking at the Open Session, Ms. Tomlinson moved public comment to the top of the agenda.

Bob Armstrong, Marie Pantalone, and Chip Ashenfelter, all of Glenmoore Eagle Youth Association (GEYA), came to the meeting to represent the concerns of their respective programs, and specifically to request priority in field scheduling.

Ms. Tomlinson noted their concerns and will compile these into a memo to the Upper Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors.

Minutes

Mr. Foster moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2017. Mr. Lanzalotto seconded the motion. The minutes of August 17, 2017 were approved without further comment.

New Business

The group discussed long-range strategic planning. Ms. Tomlinson suggested that a longer workshop style meeting, aided by the guidance of a planning professional, may help direct the group in this area. Mr. Foster suggested that updates to the Park and Recreation section(s) of the Township Code could further clarify the Board's role, particularly for the benefit of the public, e.g., athletic groups.

Old Business

T-Shirts

Regarding the possibility of Park and Rec Board t-shirts, Ms. Lodge will look into this further.

Holiday Tree Lighting Planning

Mr. McManus sent the following suggestion by way of Ms. Lodge: The Board should create a table or matrix of responsibilities for the event to ensure that cleanup, setup, concessions, supplies, etc. are all sufficiently covered.

A discussion of concessions included a suggestion of food trucks as an option. An alternative would be for a local restaurant donate food/beverages. Ms. Tomlinson suggested that Kathi McGrath, Township

Administrative Assistant, could provide additional contacts and assistance due to her extensive experience planning the Township Block Party. Ms. Lodge will loop her in.

Regarding entertainment, Mr. Nadkarni suggested Valotta Studios. Students of Nadine Valotta provided the performance of the National Anthem at the Upland Farms flag raising. Ms. Lodge will also follow up with Pickering Valley Elementary School as an alternative option.

A discussion of promotion of the event included the following suggestions:

- Yard signs
- Announcements to the Home Owners' Associations
- Facebook, other social media
- Banner/other signage at Upland Farms
- Posters at Township Parks

Committee Reports

Facilities - Mr. Lanzalotto expressed concern about the lack of lights along the driveway to the lower lot at Fellowship Fields as well as its width. Ms. Lodge will consult with the Township Manager and Public Works staff about what can be done.

Regarding a recognition of Upper Uwchlan Township resident and former GEYA little league player Pat Krall, who was recently drafted into the Major Leagues, Mr. Lanzalotto will prepare a list of highlights to be included on a recognition certificate. The Board of Supervisors will recognize Mr. Krall at an upcoming meeting, likely in December.

Upland Farms – Ms. Subramanian suggested that a small project to enhance Upland Farms would be to add mile markers along the trail. Ms. Tomlinson noted that the Township Public Works Department has a measuring wheel.

Ms. Lodge announced that she is working to follow up on the suggestion to paint murals on the sewage tank at the edge of the park

Trails – Ms. Tomlinson was pleased to announce that the Struble Trail is “officially through” to Marsh Creek State Park. This extension to the Park is not yet being publicized, and will not be until the pedestrian crossing and all associated signage are completed.

In a more general discussion of trails, Mr. Nadkarni inquired about extending the trail from Windsor Ridge. Ms. Tomlinson suggested that an article highlighting trails could be included in the Spring 2018 Township newsletter. Ms. Subramanian suggested connecting with the Chester County Walking Club.

Events – Mr. Nadkarni suggested that a spring event could highlight the trail network. This event could possibly also serve as a charity fundraiser, perhaps for the Chester County food bank or a similar organization.

Mr. Foster inquired about the recent triathlon that took place at and around Marsh Creek State Park. He requested that local residents receive advance notice of this event in future years.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be held on October 19, 2017.

Adjournment

Mr. Foster moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nadkarni seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Lodge
Park and Recreation Board Secretary