

## UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

August 9, 2018  
Hickory Park Pavilion

### Minutes

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Board members Christopher Foster, 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 7:06 pm.

#### Minutes

Ms. Tomlinson called for a motion to approve the minutes of July 19. Ms. Subramanian moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Mr. Foster commented that the Board should make clear to future commenters that their names and addresses will be published in the meeting minutes. The minutes were approved without further comment.

#### Old Business

**Resident Survey** – Ms. Lodge reminded the Board of their decision to distribute a survey with the same questions as the last Park and Recreation survey. The Board previously decided to announce the survey in the fall newsletter. Ms. Lodge suggested the survey could also be announced on social media. Mr. Nadkarni suggested that the survey also be sent out to the Homeowners' Association boards and property managers. At a previous meeting Mr. McManus suggested that the Board offer an incentive to survey takers, such as being entered to win a gift card. The Board directed Ms. Lodge to inquire if a local business is willing to donate a gift card. Mr. Foster asked that the survey announcement include information about what will be done with the survey answers. Ms. Tomlinson recommended that the words "open space" be used carefully, so as not to suggest that the Township plans to purchase additional open space at this time.

**Dog Park** – Ms. Lodge reported to the Board that the Township's liability insurer recommended against placement of a dog park at Hickory Park, due to the park's frequent use by children. Mr. Foster recommended that the Board contact the resident who inquired regarding the dog park with this update.

#### New Business

**2019 Budget Request** – Ms. Lodge reviewed the past event budgets for fall 2017 and spring 2018 to develop a budget outline for 2019. Total estimated budgets for the Easter Egg Hunt, Tree Lighting, Block Party, and a potential spring event totaled \$2,950. Ms. Subramanian suggested increasing the budget request to \$4000 to accommodate funding for Grand Opening events for the new playground and Park Road trail extension.

#### Committee Reports

**Facilities** – No further update.

**Upland Farms** – Ms. Subramanian noted that there is a dying pine tree adjacent to the wastewater tank that should be removed or replaced. Ms. Subramanian thanked the staff for bracing the Tree Lighting tree to correct its tilt.

Mr. Nadkarni shared that residents have approached him about the potential for a farmers' market at Upland Farms. Mrs. Tomlinson noted that this was considered several years ago, when a grove of trees still stood along the lane perpendicular to Route 100. Ms. Subramanian offered to inquire with local nonprofits that manage farmers' markets.

**Trails** – Mr. Foster reported that the Township was not awarded the PECO Green Region grant. Ms. Tomlinson suggested that the Park and Recreation Board recommend to the Board of Supervisors that funds be included in the 2019 budget for a hand held trails-on-the-ground map.

**Events** – No further update.

**Regional Connections** – No further update.

**DARC** – Mr. Nadkarni reported that the DARC Board is on summer hiatus.

#### Open Session

The group commenced a discussion of the master plan vision for Upland Farms. Mrs. Tomlinson recommended that the Park and Rec Board advocate for contracting with a fundraising professional. Ms. Subramanian suggested that live events held at Upland Farms could raise funds for the renovation. Mrs. Tomlinson suggested including Upland Farms fundraising on future agendas to continue the conversation. She further suggested that the group continue to pursue the creation of a subcommittee to focus on this issue, which would include members of the Park and Rec Board, Planning Commission, and Historic Commission.

Mr. Nadkarni requested an update on the naming of the Pocket Park, which Ms. Lodge provided.

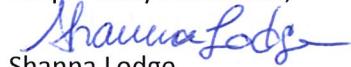
#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on September 20, once again at the schoolhouse meeting room.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Nadkarni moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna Lodge

Park and Recreation Board Secretary