

UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

January 16, 2020
Temporary Administration Office
415 Eagleview Blvd., Suite 116
Minutes

Board members Patrick Dennin, Chris Foster, Praveen Nadkarni, Lou Lanzalotto, Sushila Subramanian and Cathy Tomlinson were present. Also present was Acting Township Manager Shanna Lodge.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dennin moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2019 and November 21, 2019. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Reorganization

Ms. Tomlinson moved to appoint Shanna Lodge as Secretary. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. Ms. Lodge was appointed as Secretary for 2020.

Mr. Lanzalotto moved to re-appoint Ms. Tomlinson as Chair and Ms. Subramanian as Vice Chair. Mr. Dennin seconded the motion. The appointments were approved for 2020.

Old Business

Tree Lighting – The 3rd Annual Tree Lighting took place on November 30, 2019. The group commenced a debriefing conversation about the event. Mr. Lanzalotto noted that the entryway to the Barn requires an improved ramp. Food by Montesano's was well received, but the group discussed having additional options, e.g. cookies. It was agreed that the timing of Santa's arrival was ideal. Additional music outside, possibly provided by carolers, would enhance the event, as would utilizing the lane that runs perpendicular to the Barn. It was agreed that having the professional photographers at the event was a great idea. Attendees appreciated the photos.

New Business

2020 Schedule – the schedule of events for 2020 will be as follows:

- April 4 Egg Hunt
- May 16 Trail Celebration
- June 20 Block Party
- November 28 Tree Lighting

Additional possible events are to include a Halloween/Harvest season event and a Holiday House Decorating contest. The group discussed inventing an event unique to Upper Uwchlan, possibly related to the Township's founding.

Access to Marsh Creek State Park – The group discussed access to Marsh Creek State Park, noting rising visitor counts and the increased pedestrian traffic as a result of the trail extension. Trail crosswalks were

also discussed. Ms. Lodge reported that the Township traffic engineer will be assessing crosswalks in the near future.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Mr. Lanzaletto reported that he has met with Musco Lighting and has passed information along to the Board of Supervisors. A discussion of landscaping and trail maintenance followed.

Upland Farms – Ms. Subramanian spoke to the group about tick stations that are installed at Exton Park and other area parks. Ms. Lodge will follow up regarding potential implementation in Upper Uwchlan.

Trails – Ms. Subramanian is hoping to attend a meeting in West Whiteland next month to obtain information about their trail ordinance. Ms. Tomlinson will follow up with the County to get clarification on the nature and benefit of such ordinances. Mr. Dennin will prepare a memo regarding the Park and Recreation Board's support of developer funded trail connections.

DARC - Mr. Nadkarni reported that DARC's strategic planning initiative continues. Fundraisers are expected in the near future. The organization has also hired a part-time staffer to focus on marketing.

Open Session

Mr. Nadkarni and Ms. Subramanian discussed improvements to the park section of the Township website; in particular, consolidation of information to decrease clicks was discussed.

Mr. Dennin led a discussion regarding land acquisition for open space.

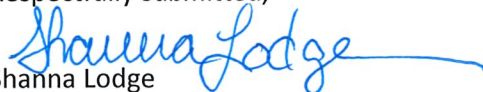
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be on February 20, 2020.

Adjournment

Mr. Nadkarni moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Subramanian seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Shanna Lodge

Park and Recreation Board Secretary