



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

September 17, 2020
Hickory Park Pavilion

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Dennin moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2020. Mr. Nadkarni seconded the motion. Ms. Subramanian asked that the minutes be edited to reflect her comment regarding adding a recommended three new picnic tables at Upland Farms. The minutes were approved with this edit.

Township Updates

Mr. Scheivert shared details of the ongoing resurfacing of the basketball and tennis courts at Hickory Park and advised that the Board will be considering turf replacement in the upcoming budget season.

Ms. Tomlinson shared that she along with Mr. Scheivert and Ms. Lodge took a walk in the area of Windsor Ridge to explore trail connection options. Mr. Scheivert noted that the staff will be meeting with the Township traffic engineer to discuss next steps.

Mr. Dennin reported that he had attended a Planning Commission meeting and inquired about the planned sidewalk along Park Road to be installed by Windsor Baptist Church. Mr. Scheivert provided an update, noting that details will be before the Board of Supervisors at their upcoming meeting.

Old Business

Halloween Event – The group discussed the potential restrictions on Halloween trick-or-treating in light of COVID-19 and opted to keep the Halloween event simple – a drive-in movie night with costumes encouraged. The group discussed the event as an alternative to trick or treating for those who might have risk concerns. The group discussed start time and opted to check in with Big Air Cinema for further advice. A discussion of the film selection followed, wherein the group opted for a double feature showing *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, followed by the 2017 Pixar feature *Coco*. Ms. Lodge will follow up on licensing for the film.

Tree Lighting and Light Up Upper Uwchlan – Ms. Tomlinson shared that this expanded holiday event will be promoted in the fall 2020 newsletter.

New Business

None.

Committee Reports

Trails – Ms. Tomlinson reported that there has been minimal progress related to the Struble Trail extension.

Regional Trail Planning – Ms. Tomlinson noted that Chester County has contracted with Allan Myers for the next stage of the Schuylkill River Trail connection project. Mr. Lanzalotto noted that Allan Myers was the contractor for the Park Road Trail and commended their work.

DARC – Mr. Nadkarni reported that DARC programming remains limited, with staff temporarily furloughed.

Facilities – The group walked around the grounds of Hickory Park and observed various locations and the improvements that may be required. These include the following: curbing to mitigate stormwater issues on the playground and in front of the pavilion; landscaping to better define the entrance to the trails behind the fields; grading to eliminate the need for sand bagging adjacent to Field 3.

The group further discussed potential for programming, like a bicycling event on the trails at Hickory, and a basketball league. Mr. Lanzalotto suggested that the Park and Rec Board could organize a time to assist in landscaping at Hickory Park. Mr. Dennin suggested planning for a second artificial turf field at Fellowship, advising that when Field 1 is resurfaced a quote could be obtained for Field 2. Ms. Tomlinson suggested forming a subcommittee to draft a five-year plan for improvements to all facilities.

Open Session

No further comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board is scheduled for October 15, 2020 and will be held at 6:00 PM at the Hickory Park Pavilion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna Lodge
Park and Recreation Board Secretary