



Upper Uwchlan Township

Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024 – Meeting held in the schoolhouse

Board members Sushila Subramanian, Cathy Tomlinson, Patrick Dennin, Praveen Nadkarni, and Lan Chen and were present. Also present was Assistant Township Manager Lindsay Yeager.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Reorganization

Ms. Subramanian spoke to the group about the Chair responsibilities and discussed expectations. A brief discussion was held gauging interest from the group for the position of Chair. Ms. Subramanian expressed her continued interest. Ms. Tomlinson moved to re-appoint Ms. Subramanian as Chair and Mr. Dennin seconded the motion. Mr. Dennin then motioned to re-appoint Ms. Tomlinson as vice-chair and Mr. Nadkarni seconded the motion.

The appointments were approved for 2024.

Old Business

Tree lighting – The 7th Annual Tree Lighting took place on November 25, 2023. The group commenced a debriefing conversation about the event. Hot chocolate by Montesano's was well received, as well as the cookies by Buttercream Bliss by Bina. Music was provided by resident Bob Starner and company indoors and the children were able to write a letter to Santa with our volunteers help. Ludwigs Fire Company provided the Santa this year and it was agreed that the timing of Santa's arrival was ideal.

Fire pits and a Township outreach table were provided outdoors to greet and direct guests as they arrived.

Boy Scout Project – We have not heard anything. Ms. Subramanian agreed to reach out to him and put him back in contact with Tony for approval.

Mission Statement – This was tabled this month. Ms. Yeager agree to resend out all ideas to the group so they could discuss through email.

Junior Member – The Environmental Council successfully appointed two new Junior Members and the Park and Recreation Board would like to advertise for one opening. Ms. Yeager agreed to promote this before the next meeting. There was a brief discussion about requirements for clearances when working with minors.

New Business

2024 Schedule - the schedule of events for 2024 will be as follows:

- March 23 Egg Hunt

- Summer Music Concert Series at Upland Farm
 - May 12
 - June 9
 - July 14
 - August 11
 - September 8 (rain date)
- June 15 Block Party
- October 26 Trunk or Treat
- November 30 Tree Lighting

Additional possible events ideas were to include monthly trail walks. The group discussed holding these at various locations throughout the Township, but nothing was finalized.

Committee Reports

There was a brief discussion about the committee reports. The group felt there could be a more effective way to organize and would like to see committees as follows: Facilities, Trails, DARC, and Events.

Facilities – Ms. Yeager let the group know that Hickory Park renovations have been delayed due to lack of grant funding but that we are hoping to move forward with the project in 2025. Ms. Tomlinson mentioned that previously Mr. Lanzalotto would give an update of his findings of facility conditions and that we would still like to have someone do that. Noone was able to volunteer for that.

Trails – Ms. Tomlinson provided an update on trails, and the new trail clearing off N. Reeds Road.

DARC – Mr. Nadkarni reported that DARC's strategic planning initiative continues, and a full year of events is expected to be advertised soon.

Events – The next event will be the annual egg hunt March 23, 2024.

Open Session

No comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be on February 15, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Yeager
Park and Recreation Board Secretary