

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION BOARD
May 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Board members present were Chairwoman Sue Thompson, Jill Ludy, Dennis Elliott and Ralph Freed. Vice Chairman Dave Crock was absent. Also present were Herbert Miller, Jr., Commissioner, Greg Churach, Carol Bleim, Richard Derkart and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was noted that Mr. Freed had visited 1401 N. Charlotte per his discussion at the last meeting. Ms. Ludy moved that the April 14, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Reports

A. Ms. Ludy stated that she had spoken with Renee Spaide regarding the matter of having school students to do projects in the Township parks. She stated that she would attempt to get volunteers for this endeavor and that students would need 60 hours in order to complete their project. Ms. Ludy stated that she would contact teachers to determine if any of them would be interested in working on this matter. She added that she would contact school officials as well.

B. Mr. Layne stated that he had been contacted by Little League representatives who had requested to camp out overnight near Kulp Field due to the fact that they would be playing a Friday evening baseball game and then an early morning Saturday game at the same location. He stated that he had discussed this matter with the Township Public Works Director and Police Chief and that everything appeared to be fine with approving this request.

C. Mr. Layne stated that due in large part to the work of Mr. Miller, Superior Water Company had agreed to place a drinking fountain at Kulp Field.

D. Following a brief discussion on this matter, Chairwoman Thompson requested that a Porta-Potty be placed at Hollenbach Park for use during the summer months once the one that is provided there now has been removed.

E. Chairwoman Thompson requested that the ball-of-dirt located at Hollenbach Park be removed.

4. Public Comment

Mr. Derkart was introduced as the new President of the Pottsgrove Soccer Club. Mr. Derkart expressed his desire to work with the Township. There was discussion regarding the possible use of Hoffman Field as a practice field.

5. New Business

A. Mr. Elliott stated that price quotations had been obtained by Mr. Miller for the construction of a parking lot at 1401 N. Charlotte and the placement of 3,200 square feet of topsoil and 110 tons of stone onto Hoffman Field. Following a brief discussion on this matter, Ms. Ludy moved that the Open Space and Recreation Board recommend that the Upper Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners approve the awarding of a contract for \$4,195.00 to Maynard's Excavating for the construction of a parking lot at 1401 N. Charlotte and the placement of 3,200 square feet of topsoil and 110 tons of stone at Hoffman Field. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

B. Mr. Miller noted that the Pottstown Bicycle Trail spur should meet up with the proposed pedestrian trail at Mervine.

C. Mr. Elliott stated that he, Mr. Miller and Mr. Layne were attempting to coordinate a meeting with Lower Pottsgrove to discuss open space.

D. Ms. Ludy stated that the new Sunset Park sign looks very nice.

E. Mr. Freed provided a drawing of the building located at 1401 N. Charlotte. He stated that the trash needed to be removed from the building. He stated that we needed to determine if the drain field was usable. Mr. Layne was requested to contact All-American Septic to request that they determine if the drain field was usable.

F. Chairwoman Thompson stated that the Township should submit a grant application for funding from the Schuylkill Highlands Grant Program. She stated that the Township could procure up to \$20,000 in funding from this Program. She stated that the application was due by May 27, 2010.

Executive Session

Chairwoman Thompson moved that the Board go into Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. in order to discuss a real estate matter. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Ms. Ludy moved that the Board come out of Executive Session at 8:40 P.M. Mr. Freed seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. New Business (Continued)

G. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Ludy moved that an appraisal of the Althouse Tract be provided. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

H. The Board requested that a thorough review be provided regarding what would occur with a property when the development rights for that property are procured by the Township for open space when the present owner is deceased.

I. There was a consensus that there should be a special Open Space and Recreation Board meeting on August 18, 2010 due to the fact that Community Day is scheduled for early October.

6. Old Business

There was no Old Business

7. Adjournment

Mr. Elliott moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:54 P.M. Mr. Freed seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 14, 2010