

Uwchlan Township Park and Recreation Committee Meeting

The regular meeting of the Uwchlan Township Park and Recreation Committee was held at the Uwchlan Township Building on January 24, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Members Present: J. Laird S.Darling, J. Brower, B. Fagan, B. Brower, J. Bugay, K.Ryan, Katie Churchill, Bruce McKenney (township employees), and Laura Obenski (supervisor); Members on Zoom: S. Harris

Guests Present: Amber Neilsen, John Neilson, Ron Neilson, Larry Krabin, Ian Scheeve representing Happy Days Park proposal.

Board Reorganization

- The annual reorganization was called to order by the current chair, J. Laird. J.Laird was nominated to continue as chair by S. Darling, seconded by J. Brower, unanimously approved. J. Laird nominated J. Brower as vice chair, seconded by S. Darling, unanimously approved. S. Harris was nominated by S. Darling as secretary, seconded by J. Brower, unanimously approved.
- J. Laird recommended continuing meeting times as follows: First Monday of the following months: January, March, May, November; third Monday in September, at 7:30 p.m. at the Uwchlan Township Building. Workshops and subcommittee meetings will take place on alternating months or as needed

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. S. Darling moved to approve. J. Brower seconded. Minutes approved.

Announcements

- The March meeting will be focused on goal setting for the Parks and Recreation Committee
- The Neilsons and accompanying architects provided further details to the proposed Happy Days Park. The group has submitted details of the park to the township supervisors. The proposed area, with its entrance from Sheree Blvd, did not suffer flood damage in the hurricane. The group noted that there are 57 parking spots with 6 additional spots as charging stations for electric cars. B.Brower noted that the proposed stone does not reflect the aesthetic of the rest of the park. The group noted that there are no events planned as of yet for the park, and that the proposed timeline for construction is spring 2022.

Reports to the Board.

- DARC: A representative from the Borough has been seated, as well as a new school district representative. Dark is seeking an assistant director.
- LYA: A number of new board members have joined LYA. There are concerns related to the availability of fields so late in the season, making it difficult for teams to practice before the season begins. A question was posed as to who in the township is actually responsible for "shutting down" field access. K. Churchill will research and reply to K. Ryan with answer.
- Trails: Joe reported that the trails subcommittee met to map the possibility of a new rustic trail between the Williamsburg spur to the Struble Trail and the Charcoal Hearth on the Uwchlan Trail.

Park Reports

- Acker Park (J. Brower via email): Painting at park needs finished. Question as to when equipment will be replaced.
- Baird Park (S. Kotalik): no report
- Dowlin Forge/Jones Pond Parks (S. Darling): Need to make sure there is the no skating sign, bridge near entrance of Uwchlan Trail off Struble has crumbling side. All bridges are very slippery and need some attention to reduce slip.
- Eagleview Park (M. Moore): no report.
- Jones Pond (S. Darling): See above with Dowlin Forge
- Lionville Park (K. Ryan): Concrete wall is crumbling and needs addressed soon before further deterioration. Cleanup happening before season.
- Martin Park (J. Bugay): All OK
- Shamona Park (J. Laird, B. Fagan): Ongoing graffiti issues.
- Spring Run (B. Brower): All ok.
- Target Park (P. McCorry): no report.
- Williamsburg Park (S. Harris): All OK.
- Trail report (J. Laird) Trail Sub-Committee will meet regarding possible new spur with Chester County.

Old Business

- Expected construction of Senior Park to begin in Summer.

New Business

- Next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to be scheduled for March 7, 2022, 7:30 p.m

S. Darling moved to adjourn. J. Brower seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.