

# Uwchlan Township Park and Recreation Committee Meeting

The regular meeting of the Uwchlan Township Park and Recreation Committee was held online via Zoom on May 3, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

**Members Present:** J. Brower, J. Bugay, J. Laird, P. McCorry, K. Ryan, B. Brower, M. Moore, S. Kotalik, and K. Churchill from Township

**Guests Present:** Kathy Sotak (Environmental Advisory Council), Ted Gacomis (EB Walsh), John Neilsen

## **Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. J. Brower moved to approve. K. Ryan seconded. Minutes approved.

## **Announcements**

- New members, B. Bower, S. Kotalik, and M. Moore, welcomed to the board
- Thank you to those who participated in the trash clean-up initiative with the Environment Advisory Council

## **Reports to the Board**

- K. Churchill shared that pavilions are now open and a COVID waiver is included with the standard form to reserve a pavilion at any of the parks. Parks continue to be “open at your own risk” due to limited manpower to clean/sanitize parks regularly.
- Disc Golf Course Update: B. Brower shared that Disc Golf course was successfully installed, along with donation plaques, and has been open for approximately 55 days; all tee and travel areas along the course appear to be staying in good shape with no erosion issues; overall seems to be well-received by community
  - Question if the following signs need to be installed: hole 2 (two signs in both directions), hole 3 (one directional sign) due to trail crossing – is Township working on this or do funds need to be raised for this? B. Brower to take as action item and is willing to help make signs if needed.
- Senior Park: Ted Gacomis, Civil Engineer from EB Walsh, shared the plans for the Senior Park to be built within Lionville Park; grant has been received from the Department of Community and Economic Development for \$175,000 – total estimate for project is expected to be \$500,000 and could be done in a phased approach if short on funding
  - Plan includes three pickle ball courts, a bocce ball court, a paved path lined with exercise equipment stations that are geared towards older individuals or individuals with disabilities, a small pavilion, tables, adult-friendly swing, ornamental fence/landscaping along Rt. 113
  - Path will be made of a porous paved surface, allowing for storm water infiltration; storm water runoff will drain under the pickle ball and bocce courts
  - Design is finished and ready to go in bid documents this summer, with project expected to be ready for use in late fall
  - J. Brower suggested that consideration be made to fund equipment for pickle ball and bocce courts
- DARC: B. Fagan not present; K. Churchill to share if she receives updated report
- LYA: no official comments from K. Ryan; various sports seasons are underway (boys/girls lacrosse, softball, baseball) and seems to be going well; LYA has submitted request for fields with insurance information

- Some LYA sport enrollment is up, some is down depending on sport and age group
- K. Sotak shared that Environmental Advisory Council has done some planting for spring; milkweed seed packets are available for residents at Township Building

### **Park Reports**

- Acker Park (J. Brower): K. Churchill to follow up on repairs
- Baird Park (S. Kotalik to assume responsibility): All ok, no updates to report
- Dowlin Forge Park (S. Darling – not present): All ok, no issues reported per Scott's email prior to meeting
- Eagleview Park (M. Moore to assume responsibility): per P. McCorry, tags were cleaned up on equipment, trash cleaned up over the weekend; otherwise ok.
- Jones Pond (S. Darling – not present): All ok, no issues reported per S. Darling's email prior to meeting
- Lionville Park (K. Ryan): in good shape; K. Ryan to report back about any repairs or temporary closures needed to keep fields in good condition
- Martin Park (J. Bugay): All ok, grounds seemed dry (unsure if due to weather or the work that was completed); pavilion was cleaned up
- Shamona Park (J. Laird, B. Fagan): S. Darling recommends that Jeff take a look at plantings along the trail and plan for some replacements per email prior to meeting; per J. Laird, fields are in good shape, some fence issues need repair; Shamona Peck parking lot should be evaluated for repair/repaving
- Spring Run (B. Brower to assume responsibility): All ok, no issues to report
- Target Park (P. McCorry): very active park; ongoing litter issues (adequate trash receptacles just not used); equipment in good shape; J. Brower suggests reaching out to local middle and high schools to try to address the littering issue with after-school crowds; P. McCorry suggests increased signage/posters to remind park visitors
- Williamsburg Park (S. Harris – not present): Basketball courts known to have cracking, Public Works Department aware and helping to resolve; no other issues at this time

### **Old Business**

- Website Updates: K. Churchill shared infrastructure to new Uwchlan Township website is being created but the process has been delayed; the Township currently has staff going page by page to check for link accuracy and identify any needed updates
  - J. Laird suggests holding a breakout meeting to discuss changes need to the Parks and Recreation portion of the website once the structure is established

### **New Business**

- Trails Sub-Committee: met in April; K. Churchill, S. Greenly, J. Brower, S. Harris, J. Laird in attendance. New spur trail near Pennypacker was discussed – EB Welsh to start looking at designs, as well as grants for funding sources; plans for Struble Train to expand further north in Upper Uwchlan; no updates on East-West Trail (connecting trail from Hibernia to Struble) has no updates right now due to landowner issues; next meeting in June.
- Next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to be scheduled for September.

K. Ryan moved to adjourn. J. Brower seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.