

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2009

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of the Township of Upper St. Clair was called to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in the Library Multi-Purpose Room, Township Municipal Building, 1820 McLaughlin Run Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

PRESENT: William O. Barnard
Thomas Browand
Diane Morris
Daniel Paoly
Paul Besterman Director of Recreation and Leisure Services

ABSENT: Roger Hartung Chairman
Jennifer Schuler Vice-Chairman
Kelly B. Bakayza

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2009

Ms. Diane Morris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dan Paoly, to approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

AGENDA

GILFILLAN PARK

The Parks and Recreation Board members described the tour they took of the Gilfillan Farm on April 25, 2009. The members expressed the need for upgrading the crossing to provide safe access to the park and to consider hiring an outside firm to help provide a professional master plan of the property. Other national well known parks were cited such as Lady Bird Johnson, etc.

Mr. Roger Heins, 335 Hollydale Circle, stated that you can go to Gilfillan Farm and not realize you are in a suburban community just outside the city of Pittsburgh.

Ms. Paula Holmes, 2031 Blairmont Drive, suggested that Mr. Jeff Wagner could be a good source of help with the park plan.

The suggestion of having a sustained pond for fishing could be beneficial for families and children.

Providing areas that allow residents a place to walk and to just get away was discussed. Concern was expressed as to whether or not the Township has staff to maintain such places.

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BOYCE MAYVIEW PARK UPDATE

The Parks and Recreation Board discussed the meeting with Kolano Signs. It was a four hour meeting and very challenging. The name "St. Clair Park" was suggested. Some liked the name "Crescent Ridge Park" and other names like "The LifeCenter for the CRC". The Board of Commissioners will review the meeting minutes and schedule another meeting.

The Community Recreation Center 4-lane lap pool has water in it. The USC Senior Group had a meeting at the new CRC. It was a very positive event. One member mentioned the need for padding on the sharp columns around the track at the center. This has been discussed with the construction team.

The Perimeter Trail has challenges with the gravel washing on to the trail. Public Works is trying to address the issue.

All USC High School Varsity Baseball games are played on the big Boyce Mayview Baseball Field. The USC High School Girls Softball Team has played two games on the smaller Boyce Mayview Softball Field. Youth soccer will begin to use the Boyce Mayview Football/Soccer Fields the weekend of May 2.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the usage of rubber chips on trails as opposed to wood chips. Rubber chips would be easier for strollers. However, expense was discussed as a deterrent.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.