

## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

September 22, 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, September 22, 2009 in Community Room A, Community & Recreation Center, 1551 Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

PRESENT: Roger Hartung Chairman  
Jennifer Schuler Vice-Chairman  
William O. Barnard  
Thomas Browand  
Diane Morris  
Daniel Paoly  
Kelly B. Bakayza  
Ryan McCleaster Assistant Director of Recreation and Leisure Services

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC: 1

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2009**

Mr. Thomas Browand made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Schuler, to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Annette Shimer, 1609 Terrie Drive, commented to the Parks and Recreation Board of a flyer that went out to all residents stating to "Save the Barn at Boyce Mayview Park."

### **AGENDA**

#### **GILFILLAN PARK**

The Parks and Recreation Board discussed Gilfillan Park and the charge that was given to them with the Board of Commissioners. The Board also discussed questions and/or statements to respond back to the Board of Commissioners.

Below were the questions:

1. What is the budget for advertising meetings? Can the trust fund be used?
2. What is the deliverable?
3. Do you want a site plan with objects such as trees, trails, shelters, ponds, parking, etc.?
4. What is the deadline?
5. Does the USC Historical Society play a role of more significance than any other member of the study group?

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**GILFILLAN PARK, contd.**

Below were the statements:

1. The Parks and Recreation Board feels that Gilfillan Park is a community park.
2. Request to clarify the charge so the intended meaning is more clearly understood.
3. The Board wants to establish the Study Group.
4. The Board requested members from the following on the Study Group, including but not limited to:
  - a. USC Historical Society
  - b. USC Athletic Association
  - c. USC School District
  - d. Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts of Upper St. Clair
  - e. Garden Clubs
  - f. Neighborhood Groups
  - g. Westminster Church
  - h. USC Community Foundation
  - i. USC Citizens for Land Stewardship
5. The Board feels the meetings should be equally advertised to the entire community.
6. It is expected that the Study Group will deliver a suggested list of site improvement options (deliverables).
7. The Board indicated that in all likelihood a RFP would be the next appropriate step.

**BOYCE MAYVIEW PARK**

**Community & Recreation Center**

The Parks and Recreation Board discussed the following items with regard to the Community & Recreation Center:

- Children running around in the locker rooms.
- Need for longer hours on the weekends.
- Shelves in the showers.
- ATM in the lobby area.
- Membership year-to-date.

It was noted that the drainage in the locker rooms and the shower in the pool area should be taken off the list.

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**Community & Recreation Center, contd.**

**Alcohol Policy**

The Parks and Recreation Board discussed the use of alcohol at functions within the Community Rooms at the Community & Recreation Center. The Board asked what other Recreation Centers do when it comes to serving alcohol at certain functions. Mr. Ryan McCleaster, Assistant Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, noted that through his experience and research, it is pretty much a 50/50 split on Centers allowing or not allowing alcohol.

The Parks and Recreation Board would like to have some questions answered before making a recommendation on this topic. The questions are as follows:

1. Where is the Community & Recreation Center financially with events?
2. Would the Center benefit with more events by serving alcohol?
3. What are the concerns with serving alcohol?
4. What are the laws with serving alcohol on premise? Township and State?

**Dog Park**

The Parks and Recreation Board discussed the possibility of having a dog park within the Boyce Mayview Park area. The Board decided to take a look at two suggested locations prior to the next meeting. The two locations were next to the Boyce Mayview Pavilion and the south side of the building in the only grassy area next to the parking lot. Ms. Schuler suggested taking a look at the South Park Dog Park as a model. Enforcing the rules of the dog park was a major concern of the Parks & Recreation Board.

**NON-SMOKING POLICY IN TOWNSHIP PARKS**

The Parks and Recreation Board discussed implementing a non-smoking policy across the board for all Township Parks. Before the Board recommends a policy on smoking, the Board would like to know what the policy is for the rest of the Township.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Parks and Recreation Board has \$20,000 for marking park improvements. Mr. Paul Besterman, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, submitted estimates to the Board on some suggestions from the August 25, 2009 meeting. From the estimates, the Parks and Recreation Board recommended improvements they would like to see made within the parks.

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**NEW BUSINESS, contd.**

The results are in order of importance:

1. Golf cage at the Three Golf Holes on McLaughlin Run Road.
2. Bocce ball courts at the old Recreation Center.
3. Refrigerator in the Aquatics Party Rooms at the Community & Recreation Center.
4. Improvements to the sand volleyball court at the old Recreation Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:05 PM.