
Lower Saucon Township
Parks & Recreation Board

Business Meeting

February 5, 2007

1. **Meeting Called To Order:** 7:15 pm Town Hall

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Bill Ross, Chair; Dave Spirk, Vice-Chair; Steve Zaharakis, Scott Schanzenbach, members; Jack Cahalan Council Liaison.

Absent: Michaelann Berger, Tom Butera, Bernadette Fong

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on January 8, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

4. **Citizen Non-Agenda Items:** None

5. **Projects:**

- **Town Hall Park** – Jack reported that issue of the lights being on at night on the basketball courts was resolved. In the winter after 4:30 p.m. if someone pushes the timer the lights will go on for 90 minutes. Roger discovered that someone had broken into the timer and set it for 900 minutes. The timing has been restored and the box locked.
- **Southeastern Park** - no update.
- **Steel City** - no update
- **Heller Homestead** - Jack reported that a Civil War re-enactors group will be holding a Living History week-end at the Heller Homestead Park on April 27-29, 2007. The group will be arriving at the park property in the late afternoon of Friday April 27th and will break camp on Sunday afternoon April 29th. They will be giving public demonstrations of 19th century cooking, sewing, medical/nursing, military engineering, and infantry drills on Saturday April 28th between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- **Polk Valley Park** - Jack distributed copies of the recommendations sent to Council for the professional agronomist and for consideration of a future indoor recreation center at the park. There was a discussion regarding the ongoing need for agronomist services for all Township playing fields. It was agreed that this need would be listed in the Park & Recreation Board 2007 Goals & Objectives. Jack advised that he provided information to Michaelann and Bernadette concerning the playground equipment that is planned for an area in the park. Funding for this equipment was part of the grant application we submitted to DCNR last year. Michaelann and Bernadette will work on recommendations for equipment that the Board can make to the Township Planner.
- **Grants** - no word yet on the DCNR grant application submitted for the trail connector between the school district campus and Polk Valley Park
- **Volunteer Scout Projects** – Jack advised that he has been in touch with a Girl Scout who is interested in working on the interpretive signs for the nature trail at the Heller Homestead Park. He will be working with the Township EAC and a Bill Sweeney from Jacobsburg State Park on identifying the flora and fauna and the content of the signs. The Local Girl Scouts are also looking for a project to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Girls Scouts on March 31, 2007. A general park clean-up maybe designated for this project.

6. **Old Business:**

- **Status of Polk Valley Park** - covered under projects report
- **Kingston Park Conceptual Sketch Plan Update** - Jack stated that as soon as the weather permits we will be setting up a meeting out at the site with the planners, Historical Society, Council Members, engineers, etc. to allow everyone input on these recommendations.
- **Saucon Valley Community Center Programs** - This will be tabled as Michaelann was going to discuss this.

7. **New Business:**

- **Review Site Plans** - Plans for McCloskey Avenue Minor were not reviewed due to its size
- **2007 Goals & Objectives** – There was a discussion about a long term goal for the Township to acquire land or easements along the Township’s roads for bicycle, walking trails that would connect between the Township’s parks, schools and other recreational facilities.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by Jack Cahalan