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Lower Saucon Township  
Parks & Recreation Board

Business Meeting

May 1, 2006

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1. **Meeting Called To Order:** 7:15 pm Polk Valley Park

2. **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Bill Ross, Chair; Dave Spirk, Vice-Chair; Michaelann Berger, Tom Butera, Bernadette Fong, Scott Schanzenbach, members; Jack Cahalan Council Liaison.

**Absent:** Steve Zaharakis, Peter Hertzog, Jr. Council Member

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on April 3, 2006 were reviewed and approved.

4. **Citizen Non-Agenda Items:** Priscilla Oren attended and gave a brief report about Rett's and her participation in an organization called Friends of Carleton Park, which is a large 24,000 acre preserve near their home in Venice, Florida. She stated that a large volunteer contingent provide either time or financial support to help manage the preserve and its varied activities. She recommended that we consider exploring a "Friends of" type of support for the township's parks.

5. **Projects:**

- **Town Hall Park** - Bernadette reported that she had met with Erin from the Saucon Valley Community Center about the summer pre-school program they are proposing to run out of Seidersville Hall. She had some questions about the activities they are recommending. Jack asked if she could speak to Erin so we can finalize this program. The funds to pay for it were approved in the Township's 2006 budget. Members asked about the status of the Senior Program? Jack said that it continuing to operate successfully with a decent turnout. Jack will report on this program at future meetings.
- **Southeastern Park** - Jack said that planting of the meadow has been completed and as it begins to grow, Larry Weaner will direct our Public Works staff on how to mow it. Jack stated that we were notified that our \$5,000 grant application for the trail in the meadow has been approved.
- **Steel City** - Jack advised that we are still waiting to finalize the acquisition of the .21 acre property adjacent to the park.
- **Heller Homestead** - no update
- **Polk Valley Park** -Board members toured Polk Valley Park. Jack pointed out the proposed SVSD - PVP trail connector location and pedestrian bridge; the Nor-Car property adjacent to the park. After walking the park property, the Board members were impressed with the setting of the park and the overall plan for the active and passive recreation areas. They were concerned about the steepness of the slopes dropping off from the soccer fields and felt that some sort of fencing would be needed to keep soccer balls in the field. They felt that some sort of bleacher seating should be considered for the fields. They were extremely concerned about the grass conditions throughout the park which had numerous bare spots and showed signs of weed growth that had not been treated with a herbicide. The Board made a motion which was adopted unanimously to recommend to the Township Council that they take whatever action is necessary to force

the contractor to immediately remediate the grass conditions so that the 2-year growing in period needed before the park opens in 2008 is not lost or compromised.

- **Grants** - Notice of approval of \$5,000 DCED grant for meadow trail in Southeastern Park
- **Volunteer Scout Projects** - nothing to report

6. **Old Business:**

- **Goal & Objectives for 2006** - Jack stated that if there were no further recommendations he would submit the list to Council
- **Project 70 Properties in the Township** - Jack stated that the Solicitor is still doing research at the courthouse on this issue.

7. **New Business:**

- **Review Site Plans** (Church Hill Estates; McCloskey Avenue Minor; Penn's View Estates Major; Saucon Meadows Major; Atiyeh Wassergass Land Development) Were not reviewed.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Jack Cahalan