
Lower Saucon Township
Parks & Recreation Board

Business Meeting

December 4, 2006

1. **Meeting Called To Order:** 7:25 pm Town Hall

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

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on October 2, 2006 were reviewed and approved. There was no meeting held in November.

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

5. **Projects:**

- **Town Hall Park** - no update
- **Southeastern Park** - no update. Tom reported that one of the picnic benches inside the pavilion has a broken seat.
- **Steel City** - Jack reported that due to legal issues with the owners the Township has not been able to finalize the acquisition of the adjacent property.
- **Heller Homestead** - no update
- **Polk Valley Park** - Jack stated that the Township hopes to reach an amicable settlement with the contractor so that he can conclude his work and be off the property by the end of this year. In 2007 the Township then would be able to bid out the maintenance, fertilization work and begin working on the remaining landscaping, planting trees, and planning the walking trails. Jack stated that during 2007 he will arrange a meeting of our Board with all of the sports organizations to discuss the usage, maintenance, scheduling of the playing fields. One of the items that the Saucon Valley Partnership has on its list of projects will be to look into whether it would be feasible to explore a regional recreation body that would manage and maintain all of the athletic fields and the borough swimming pool that we all share. There are grants from the state DCNR that would pay for a shared recreational supervisor who would administer the facilities and programs. We will be looking at going into a combined bid for grass mowing with the Borough and possibly the school district in 2007. Jack reported that there is still no finalization on the acquisition of the adjacent Nor-Car property.
- **Grants** - Jack stated that we have not received any word on the grant application submitted to DCNR for funding for the trail connecting the park and the school campus which includes a footbridge over Polk Valley Run and playground equipment for the park.
- **Volunteer Scout Projects** - Jack stated that Troop 319 scouts will resume work in the spring putting decals on the 1,500 storm drain inlets in the Township as part of the public education portion of the NPDES requirements. In addition, a scout has approached the Historical Society and asked if he could recreate a replica (non-working) outhouse at the Lutz-Franklin schoolhouse as an Eagle Scout project.

6. **Old Business:**

- **Status of Polk Valley Park** - covered under projects report
- **Kingston Park Conceptual Sketch Plan Update** - Jack handed out copies of the revision to the conceptual sketch plan that was done to incorporate the changes recommended by the Council at their October meeting.

7. **New Business:**

- **Hellertown Borough Park & Recreation Study** - There were no comments.
- **Fountain Hill Borough Comprehensive Plan** - Jack handed out copies of the plan and drew attention to the proposal in the plan for a trail from Fountain Hill connecting with the Township in the vicinity of Puggy Lane and then crossing Route 378 and traveling up Mountain Drive to South Mountain Park.
- **Review Site Plans** - Plans for Dravitz Major; Penn's View Estates Major; Redington Estates at Lower Saucon were reviewed with no comments

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Jack Cahalan