



Lower Gwynedd Township Parks & Recreation Board

January 21, 2025

Agenda

Lower Gwynedd Township Building
6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Option

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1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Election of Officers
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
4. Consideration of November 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes
5. Gilmore
 - Trail and Sidewalk Plan
6. Texaco Lot Update
7. Lower Gwynedd Little League, Ingersoll Park Scoreboard
8. Programs
 - Recreation Programs
 - Concert Dates
9. Updates:
 - Environmental Advisory Update
 - Recreation Director Update
 - i. Prohibiting Golf in the Parks
 - ii. Woodland Evaluation Update
 - Comprehensive Plan Update

Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Members in Attendance: Kathy Morris; Harry Hellerman; Dan Berdahl; Morgan High; Francis Mckenzie; Michael Brockway; Kelly Swope

In attendance: Valerie Liggett, R.L.A., ASLA, ISA Certified Arborist, Senior Landscape Architect

James Hersh, P.E. Senior Project Manager

John Farrell, MPA, PMP, Project Manager & Emergency Management

Coordinator

Staff: Sandi Feight

Board of Supervisors: Janine Martin, although not attending, emailed Sandi F. updates.

Call to order: Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Public comment: none

Consideration of October 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Dan B. moved to approve the minutes, Morgan H. seconded it, and all approved.

Gilmore's Woodland evaluation:

Val L. presented the results of a preliminary evaluation of six areas designated by the township as a priority in an interest to evaluate current condition and on-going maintenance.

Goal - to best use the funds provided by developers (in lieu of plantings)

Dager Road: trail has the most hazardous area concerning Ash trees, dead trees, structural tree issues and trees of the same age. (recommendation to remove 60-70 trees.) Invasive [vine] removal is another hazard to tree growth.

Pen oak trail: - dead ash trees [50 trees], invasive trees also, there are areas suitable for re planting.

Trewellyn trail: dangerous trees, vine removal (Honeysuckle.)

Meadowcreek / Foxfield equestrian trail: very few areas of concern - open areas for planting. Also, neighbor encroachment (bamboo.)

Centennial trail: 15-20 hazardous trees. Neighbor encroachment.

Pen ambler park: - not too much of a concern. Remove 5 ash trees. Pollinator garden behind amphitheater as part of Master Plan.

The order of issues listed is the order recommended by Val L.

Former Texaco Lot:

John F. directed a discussion on all the issues pertaining to the Texaco property precluding the presentation with saying there is a Board of Supervisors \$50,000 "place holder" in the budget for the site.

After discussing many pros and cons of all the ideas talked about, the board decided on a plan offered by Mitch K. :

1. Remove old damaged sidewalk and replace with new concrete
2. Bring in topsoil to help with planting conditions as per recommendation from soil testing (to be done in later November)
3. Install a watering system for plantings
4. Put in an assortment of (mostly) native trees as a back drop, arborvitae, eastern red buds, crepe myrtle.
5. Install some shrubs closer to the front of the property
6. Allow space for future plans such as a path, sign, wall and/or seating.
7. Current estimates on the basic ideas to be forwarded to the board of supervisors are expected to be under \$50,000.

Janine M. update from the BOS (Board of Supervisors):

- \$250,000 dollar grant was acquired for Oxford park and applications are pending for more.
- Suggested changes to the summer concerts to ease the work load on Sandi F.

Sandi F. update from the recreation director

Public works asked that summer concerts be consecutive weeks. July was chosen as the best month logistically. Keeping with our Wednesday night tradition that makes the 9th, 16th, 23rd and the 30th concert nights.

Working with the EAC on a program to invite people to volunteer for training and then work on a strategic plan to improve our plantings in the township including the future pollinator gardens.

John F. Addendum:

Renew an effort to look for “gaps” in the trails and sidewalks as part of a long range plan to make Lower Gwynedd more walkable. Board members may get an “assignment” to look at these issues on their own before the next meeting in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04