

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD - APRIL 6, 2006 - 7:30 PM
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Members present: Jon Apple, Chairman
Dan Kell, Vice Chairman
Rick Lambrecht, Treasurer
Jane James, Secretary
Andy Leszczynski
Nick Lupinacci
Shirley Myers

Others present : Ken Bennington, Township Manager
Barbara Salvadore, Township Supervisor

MINUTES: The minutes of March 9, 2006, were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Park & Recreation portion of the township budget as of February 6, 2006, showed expenditures of \$44,289.12 (including a capital expenditure for a pick-up truck which cost \$28,777.00) leaving a balance of \$218,777.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOREST ROAD PARK: Ken Bennington will be the liaison between the P&R board and the on-going site work when Forest Road Park gets under way. Dan Kell will be the main P&R board member that Mr. Bennington should contact between meetings to keep P&R informed of any problems and/or progress. Messrs. Bennington and Kell will meet with Mike Berger of Haines and Kibblehouse prior to meeting with Lisa Ishimuro of the Bucks County Conservation District.

NANCY GILLESPIE THEATER CAMP 2006: The camp will be held July 10, through July 14, 2006, at a charge of \$85.00 which can be paid at the township building, \$5.00 of which will be donated to P.S. Buck International if the camp is held on their grounds. The alternative site will be the Civic Park. Mr. Lupinacci suggested announcements should go out in May.

EASTER EGG HUNT: P&R Board stuffed candy eggs prior to the business portion of this meeting with grateful assistance from Mrs. Salvadore and Mr. Bennington. The hunt will be held at P.S. Buck International Saturday, April 8, 2006, 10:00AM (rain date April 15, 2006.)

SENIOR DAYS: Mr. Apple will attend this event on behalf of the P&R board.

ARBOR DAY/EARTH DAY: Andy Dinsmore will have a composting exhibit at the Halloween Fest in October, 2006. NOTE: Mrs. James had a thought while transcribing minutes that this might be a good time to hand out sapling trees as fall is a perfect planting time and it might serve as a nod to Arbor Day for the township.

OLD BUSINESS (cont'd.)

GUTTMAN TRACT: The P&R board was asked for further recommendations regarding this tract which is in its preliminary planning stages. The attached Recreation & Open Space Review Form dated April 6, 2006, is P&R's outline along with RECOMMENDATION 3-04, May 13, 2004, a portion of which follows: "P&R would also like input for the use of trails and open space as follows: A trail that loops through the wooded area to the pond; a semi-pervious land from Oak Drive along the edge of the reserved five acre homestead toward Al Reese Park and a parking lot to accommodate parking for the "informal" playfields with improved public access to the open space; the developer should remove concrete and other debris near Al Reese Park and construct trails prior to acceptance of dedication; in accord with the Open Space Committee, P&R opposes acceptance of dedication of storm water control basins."

MINNINGER MEMORIAL BENCH: Mr. Lupinacci said a plaque has been placed on the bench at the Civic Park in memory of Corporal Minninger.

RECOMMENDATION #4-06: The Park & Recreation Board recommends the MUSSLEMAN BARN be moved to the northwest corner of the Hilltown Township Building property, West Creamery Road and Limekiln Pike (Rt. #152) because of its significant historical importance both locally and nationally as it is the oldest structure in the country of Welsh construction. This building could serve as a focal point for visitors to the township building, along with being a source of pride for the residents of Hilltown. Being relocated to the township building would save it from the obscurity of being dwarfed by a water tower and its present protection of a chain link fence.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Kell told the board that the web site WW.pick-up PA.com deals with adopting township roads by organizations, groups, etc., to keep them debris free. He suggested P&R members might be interested in looking into such a project. Mr. Leszczynski suggested a "Green Up Hilltown Day" along with the road project.

ADJOURNED: 9:30PM

Transcribed and recorded by Jane James, Secretary

JRJ:jj

Recreation & Open Space Review Form

Hilltown Township
13 W. Creamery Road
P.O. Box 260
Hilltown, PA 18927

Subdivision Name	GATTMAN TRACT		
Subdivision Location	GREEN ST.		
# Of Proposed Units	42 NEW - 3 EXISTING		
Review Date	APRIL 6, 2006		
Review Committee	HILLTOWN PARK & REC.		
Committee Member	DAN KELL		
Progress of plan	Sketch	<u>Preliminary</u>	Final
Does app. have open space?	<u>Yes</u>	No	
Current location of open space	NON-CONTIGUOUS: 3 AREAS		
Does committee agree w/ location?	<u>Yes</u>	No	
Committee preferred location			
Does app. have recreation land?	<u>Yes</u>	No	
Current location of recreation land	ADJACENT TO SILVERDALE BORO PARK		
Does committee agree w/ location?	<u>Yes</u>	No	
Committee preferred location			
Does app. have recreation facilities?	Yes	<u>No</u>	
Current location of recreation facilities			
Does committee agree w/ location?	Yes	No	
Committee preferred location	N/A		
Does app. have walking trails?	<u>Yes</u>	No	
Current location of walking trails	VARIOUS		
Does committee agree w/ location?	<u>Yes</u>	No	
Committee preferred location			
How are facilities to be owned?	<u>Private</u>	AND	<u>Public</u>
Does committee agree w/ ownership?	<u>Yes</u>	No	
General Comments	A GOOD BLEND OF TRAILS, FIELDS and OPEN SPACE.		