

**UPPER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024**

Township Attendance: Kevin Murray, Desra Keenan; Tracy Harper; Tracy Tackett,

Public Attendance: Jackie

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

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Reorganization

Kevin Murray- Chairman. Motion by Desra Keenan, second by Tracy Harper 3-0.

Desra Keenan- Vice-Chair. Motion by Kevin Murray, second by Tracy Harper. 3-0

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Kevin Murray made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting, Desra Keenan seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0-1.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Old Business

Swamp Creek Stomp 2024

Concern was expressed regarding the possibility of getting enough volunteers for this event. Consideration of alternative events that are less labor intensive were discussed. It was also discussed that the weather is often really bad during the time they tend to have the event in the past. Kevin Murray said he would look at an email communication he received from Pretzel City that includes some recommended dates for 2024. It was discussed that if the township continued the event a later date such as May is preferable, although concern was expressed about vegetation growth over the trail that late in the season. This item will be continued to the February meeting.

Playground Equipment

Mrs. Tackett reported that the public works crew had not had a chance to install the railroad ties, filter fabric, stone and playground mulch due to weather. As soon as things dry up it will get installed.

Discussion of remaining options for play equipment was discussed. The Board liked the idea of a medium size climbing boulder and possible a rope climbing structure if the funding allowed for both. Mrs. Tackett will look into pricing for these types of structures noting that there is approximately \$18,000 of grant funding for the structures.

Speelhoffer Park- Shade Structure Update

The second shade structure canopy was finally installed after three tries to get the right size canopy. Mrs. Tackett will now focus on getting the required documentation submitted to close out the grant and receive the remaining funding.

New Business

Community Day 2024

Community Day is scheduled for September 28, 2024. It was discussed that a suggestion box should be publicized at the BOS meeting to encourage people to offer suggestions about what they would like to see at Community Day.

It was suggested the township may want to consider more competition that have more community involvement and appeal to more than just children and families. Some discussion items included apple launching, catapult pumpkins and other food competitions.

Camp Laughing Waters Preservation

Mrs. Tackett reported the conservation easement had been finalized and Upper Frederick's contribution is approximately \$80,000 paid over three years. The second payment was just paid. It was noted that the preservation easement includes a public trail easement along the southerly portion of the property. Mrs. Tackett will send the members a map of the trail easement following the meeting. It was noted that a request has been made to have a sign in Upper Frederick Township identifying the easement from Colonial Road.

Greenway along Scioto Creek

Tracy Tackett stated that a property on Perkiomenville Road that includes a portion of the Scioto Creek has been approved for a farm preservation easement. Once preserved under this program, there will not be an opportunity for a future trail easement along the Scioto Creek, so it has been suggested that we should try to secure a greenway/trail easement along the Scioto for a small portion of the property that could be excluded from the farmland preservation easement. The Parks Board agreed we should try to secure it and did not think the township should contribute to the funding of the farmland easement.

Other Updates/Potential Projects

Tracy Tackett noted that the Green Lane Stearing Committee is finalizing the plan for Green Lane Park, but if anyone from the Parks Board would like to attend on behalf of the Township there are still a couple meetings coming up. Tracy Harper volunteered to attend.

Upcoming Meetings

Next regular Board of Supervisor meeting: February 14, 2024 at 7 PM. Kevin Murry will plan to attend. The Board is also having a special meeting January 24, 2024 at 7 PM to discuss the emergency management plan.

Adjournment: Kevin Murray motioned and Desra Keenan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Motion was approved by all.