

East Fallowfield Township
Approved January 10, 2012 workshop minutes
6:33 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Makely, Chairman; Chris Amentas, Vice Chairman; Ed Porter, Member; Joe Pomorski, Member; Denise Miller, Township Secretary. Member Mark Toth was absent. Mr. Amentas excused himself at 7:10 PM.

- 1) Park and Recreation Park rule revisions; Brian Carling & Jan Bowers – Ms. Bowers asked the Board if they are comfortable with the Park and Recreation Commission proceeding with pursuing revisions to the 2007-03 ordinance and establishing a reservation process and permitted use of the park facilities. Ms. Bowers would like to suggest an informal public input process if the Board would like them to proceed with the revisions. Mr. Amentas asked Ms. Bowers who added the revisions that are in color. Ms. Bowers replied “The Park and Recreation Commission.” Mr. Makely stated that he has no problem with the Park and Recreation Commission doing their revisions and submit them to the Board so they can forward them to Mr. Pompo for review. Mr. Amentas asked if it is necessary to have the level of detail that is in the ordinance. Ms. Bowers replied that this is one of the questions that she wanted to ask Mr. Pompo. Mr. Amentas stated that he would like to have a conversation with Mr. Pompo before Mr. Carling and Ms. Bowers collaborate with Mr. Pompo regarding the ordinance. Mr. Makely stated that he would like to get a “flat rate” from Mr. Pompo. Ms. Bowers also asked the board if Mr. Pompo could review the permit application package. Mr. Porter would like the board to review the ordinance before they proceed to the next step. Mr. Amentas stated that he will take a look at the ordinance regarding legal language and asked Ms. Bowers to email him the information. Mr. Makely suggested reviewing the rules prior to the January 24 meeting. Ms. Bowers asked the Board if there was any reason that a religious group could not reserve the park facilities. Mr. Amentas replied that there are types of unprotected speech but otherwise everyone has to be given the right to use the park facilities equally. Mr. Amentas excused himself at 7:10 PM from the meeting.

Mr. Porter asked about the Park and Recreation vacancy. Mr. Carling replied that Michael McClintock was inadvertently omitted from the list.

- 2) Create a policy for recruiting of volunteers – Mr. Makely directed Mrs. Miller to put “liability for the township” on the next agenda so Mr. Pompo can direct the Board legally. Bob King commented on “road department” volunteers. Michael Green stated that he would like to see a “white board” with things for residents to volunteer to do.
- 3) Western Chester County Regional Appeals Board vacancy – Mr. Makely directed Mrs. Miller to see if this group is in operation.
- 4) Township credit card – Mr. Makely stated that he is ok with putting the credit card in Mrs. Miller’s name. Ed Porter asked Mrs. Miller the status of the card in Jill Bukata’s name. Mrs. Miller replied that it has been destroyed. Mr. Porter asked Mrs. Miller the amount of petty cash that is kept in the office. Mrs. Miller replied “\$100.00.” As treasurer; the Board appointed Mr. Pomorski to approve the credit card statement before it is paid. The Board directed Mrs. Miller to put the adoption of the new credit card on the next agenda.
- 5) Township newsletter – The Board agreed to move forward on a newsletter and the website updates.
- 6) Township sign – Mr. Porter stated that he would like to pursue a new township sign. Mr. Makely suggested contacting the Boy Scouts to see if anyone has a project to do; if not then see if the road department can make one.

Mr. Porter stated that he is concerned with the maintenance of the township building, such as the furnace in the road department garage that sucks in gas fumes and then pumps them into the township offices. Mr. Porter also mentioned the snakes that entered the township building. Mr. Makely directed Mrs. Miller to put “building repairs” on the next meeting agenda.

- 7) Advertising for township legal services – Mr. Porter stated that Mrs. Miller received emails from other townships on the different rates charged by their township solicitor and East Fallowfield had the highest rate per hour. Mr. Makely directed Mrs. Miller to put a motion to advertise for “legal services” on the next meeting agenda. Mr. Makely stated that the Board would not take away an unfinished project from the solicitor.

The Board cancelled the January 23 budget meeting and committed to staying at the Saturday January 21 budget meeting until everything was accomplished.

Mr. Makely made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Porter seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Miller
Township Secretary