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Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Monday January 28 2019

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday January 28, 2019 and was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following were in attendance:

Bill Keohane, Chair

Katie Smith

Dennis Cimino

Tom Troutman

Jackson Byerly (Montgomery County Planning)

Bob Van Bramer

John Miklos (Montgomery County Planning)

Joe Zlomek

Eric Jarrell (Montgomery County Planning)

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman to approve the January Minutes which was then seconded by Mr. Zlomek which was carried out with a 5-0 vote of approval.

Wynter Girl Scout Project: Ms. Smith introduced Wynter to the board and she asked her to explain the Girl Scout project that she would like to work on at Gerald Richards Park. Wynter explained that for her bronze award for Girl Scouts she needs to do a project that will help her community. After visiting different parks, she noticed people riding their bikes but there was no place for them to lock them up. Since there are trails, she thought that it would be nice if she put a bike rack at one of the parks so that more people would be able to ride their bikes to the parks. She showed the board a picture of what the bike rack would look like if the board would allow her to build one for the park. Mr. Zlomek asked Wynter where the bike rack would be positioned? Ms. Smith explained that part of the reason that Wynter was attending the meeting was to find out what park the board would like the bike rack and where she could put it at that park. Mr. Zlomek suggested that the bike rack be placed at Gerald Richards Park and to put it next to the snack stand. Mr. Cimino made a suggestion to Wynter to make the hooks for the helmets out of wood pegs instead of metal so that if they should break it would not be sharp and which could potentially hurt someone. Mr. Cimino made a motion to accept Wynter's request and allow for her to make a bike rack and place it at Gerald Richards Park. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Troutman and was carried out in a 5-0 vote of approval.

Township Open Space Plan: Mr. Byerly introduced the other members Montgomery County Planning Commission that were in attendance with him. He introduced John Miklos and stated he will be the new representative from Montgomery County Planning Commission that will be taking over the role of working with Lower Pottsgrove Township with the Open Space update. Mr. Byerly let the board know that he will be transitioning out of his role at Montgomery County Planning Commission over the next two weeks. Mr. Miklos is currently working with Upper Pottsgrove with their Open Space update. Mr. Byerly then introduced Eric Jarrell who is section chief for Community Planning for the County. Mr. Jarrell stated that he wanted to come this evening since Mr. Miklos was being introduced but also to



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hear Mr. Byerly's presentation so that they can all be on the same page on what Mr. Miklos needs to complete. Mr. Byerly recapped on November's meeting and what took place for the Open Space update then let the board know that he met with Mr. Wagner and Ms. Smith and reviewed the 2008 Open Space update which then they updated the Open Space List. He handed out an updated list of Open Spaces to the board and brought along an updated draft map for the Open Space update. Mr. Keohane suggested that the board went down the list and adjust the priority level of each open space. He made a suggestion saying that he priority level ones and twos will be land that the township already owns, threes and fours will be land that we don't own and how hard they want to pursue it will decide if it is a three or a four. One is owned and currently working on, two is owned and no current activity, three and four we don't own and are either higher or lower priority. Mr. Jarrell made a note that some open spaces the township would not need to purchase the whole piece of land just an easement for trails would be sufficient for the map priority level. Mr. Keohane thanked Mr. Byerly and thanked him for all of his help with the update of the Open Space Map.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gerald Richards Park Update: Ms. Smith updated the board that the NPDES permit was denied again and that we will have to do a resubmittal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regional Recreation: Mr. Keohane updated the board on what had been going on with the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Meetings. He stated that group would like to hold an annual event at one of the townships each year and rotate who holds the event each year.

Comments by Board Members

The board made a recommendation to the board of Commissioner to consider Mrs. Keohane to fill the vacant position on the Pottsgrove Recreation Board.

Comments by Visitors

There were no comments from visitors.

A motion was made by Mr. Zlomek to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Troutman and was carried out by a 5-0 vote of approval.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 25, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Smith