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Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Monday Aug 23, 2018

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday August 23, 2018 and was called to order at 7:02 PM. The following were in attendance:

Bill Keohane, Chair
Dennis Cimino, Vice Chair
Tom Troutman
Bob Van Bramer
Joe Zlomek
Edward Wagner

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Gerald Richards Park Update: We received Administrative Completeness through the Conservation District on August 3rd. The next step is the Technical Review and Bursich expects to hear something in the next couple of weeks. We requested a year extension from the Montco 2040 and we were granted a six-month extension until March at which time we will be given another six months. Katie closed out the Health & Wellness Grant and should receive the final \$2,500 shortly. Ed stated the neighbor adjacent to the park is being inundated with water run-off and will be meeting with them, along with Chad Camburn, to review the plan laid out regarding drainage.

Summer Concert Updates: Because of all the rain this year, it was decided that John Fogel will install a drain in the floor of the bandshell which will be piped to an inlet to the left of the bandshell. This hopefully will alleviate the water accumulation problem that occurred this year on the bandshell floor. Even with all the rain, only one concert was cancelled part-way through. Mr. Zlomek stated that he heard a resident complain that the steps that come from the upper level to the lower level are not safe; Mr. Wagner stated that they will work on that later this year possibility involving an Eagle Scout project. All the members acknowledged what a great job Katie did all season with the concerts.

Open Space Plan: Mr. Wagner stated that our plan was done in 1995 and another in 2005. We did a supplement to that plan in 2008 which addressed the recommendation for new open space parcels to consider purchasing. Mr. Wagner stated he would get a copy of the 2005 plan to each of the members for their review. Mr. Keohane, asked if there would be additional costs assessed by the County if we just update the existing Resolution. Mr. Wagner said he would look into it.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wagner presented Michael Lane's Playground Inspection Report. The main concern at Gerald Richards Park was on the depth consistency of the mulch. The mulch is supposed to be 9" deep. There is 2B stone under the mulch which allows for the rain to filter down into the stone. John Fogel is reviewing the report and is working on a punch list of items to be addressed, including the "rule" signs, which Michael thought were too small, the slide chutes and the need to have a border around the playground equipment to control the mulch. Mr. Zlomek asked if we receive an insurance discount since we get such a detailed audit on our parks. Mr. Wagner said he would ask. Mr. Keohane asked if we heard anything else from the family whose child was injured at the park. Mr. Wagner stated that based upon the last report from the insurance company the family has not called back.

Mulch also is a concern at Sanatoga Park, but as there is no 2B stone under it to properly drain the rain. Mr. Lane feels the picnic tables in the playground area present a safety concern and are in too proximity to the swings fall zone. Mr. Wagner stated that John Fogel is constantly moving the tables to where they belong and feels residence, or kids, are moving them. Mr. Zlomek suggested somehow chaining the tables, so residents can't move them.

Comments by Board Members

Mr. Keohane wished Katie a very happy and healthy delivery and hope all goes well.

Comments by Visitors

There were no comments from visitors.

A motion was made by Mr. Keohane to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Zlomek and was carried out by a 5-0 vote of approval.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Wagner
Township Manager