

2009 Events – Band List approval: Ms. Elliott and Mrs. Corley presented options for the 2009 bands and discussed the calendar Mr. Troutman suggested a local polka band. Mr. Cimino suggested keeping the same calendar as last year since it was a well attended series. Mr. Wood and Mrs. Abdalla agreed. Mrs. Corley said she will also try to book a country band, since it was a request in the 2007 Park Satisfaction Survey. The first concert will start on Sunday, June 28th and they will run consecutively, except for July 5th, for seven weeks. It was agreed that The Bill Koss Combo would start and the The Pottsgrove Community Band would be the last band on August 16th. The Fishing Derby will be held on June 20th.

Mr. Wood asked if the Township had ever investigated having naming rights for fields and the Sanatoga Bandshell. Ms. Elliott said that is something she would like the Board to discuss and look into different possibilities. She has been working that into conversation when approaching potential sponsors recently so it does not come as a surprise when it is offered. Township staff will set up a program and bring it to the Board for discussion.

Unfinished Business Not Ready for Action

Ms. Elliot and Mrs. Corley reported on the success of the Annual Halloween Fall Festival. The attendance is thought to have been around 80 – 85 children. The games were again a success as was the new band hired. Ernie & Neal were interactive with the crowd and demanded audience participation. The audience was happy to oblige. Also a hit was balloon artist Jack Hardesty. Jack and Ernie & Neal are planning to attend next year's event. The first annual costume contest and parade was well-attended, aided by volunteer judges: Patty Abdalla, Tony Doyle, Kurt Holloway and Mike Foltz. Another successful addition this year was the ticketing program for pumpkins. In years children were left without a pumpkin at the end of the day. Each child was given a ticket and no pumpkin was given out without one. Everyone went home happy.

Ms. Abdalla suggested that discussion on the Policies & Procedures be tabled for this month. All agreed.

New Business

Ms. Elliott provided copy of a request from the Bateman/Romer family to name the recent acquisition of open space located at Bliem Road after the Bateman Family in some way when considering a name for the park. Several suggestions were made; Bateman Park, Bateman Trail at Sprogel's Run, Bliem Road Bateman Park, Bateman Bliem Road Park. Ms. Abdalla and fellow Board members will take these under consideration and the issue is tabled for the month of October.

Ms. Elliott summarized the Open Space Preservation & Recreation Areas SALDO revision for the Board members. Mr. Troutman and Mr. Wood both agree that the 1% on non-residential lots is too small. Ms. Elliott provided the explanation that if we create an ordinance that demands more, we may lose commercial interest. During the project negotiation phase of land development is where more open space can be asked for in return for a potential grant of a waiver in another area. Ms. Elliott asked that any comments the Board members have should be

sent to her via email and she will make necessary changes and bring the revision to them for suggestion to the Board of Commissioners.

At 8:25 Rich Wood excused himself from the meeting.

Comments by Board Members

There were no further comments from Board members.

Comments by Visitors

There were no comments from visitors.

At 8:28 Tom Troutman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cimino seconded the motion and the vote carried 3 – 0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Corley
Recording Secretary