

**Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 24, 2008 7:00pm**

In attendance: Patty Abdalla, Vice Chair Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
 Tom Troutman
 Dennis Cimino

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks & Recreation Board was called to order by Patty Abdalla, Vice Chair at 7:08 pm.

Parks & Recreation Report

Ms. Elliott briefly reviewed the November 2008 Parks and Recreation Report with the Parks & Recreation Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman, seconded by Mr. Cimino, and unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote to approve of the November 2008 Parks & Recreation Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman, seconded by Ms. Abdalla, and unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote to tentatively cancel the December 2008 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Unfinished Business Ready for Action

Heritage Days

Mr. Troutman, the Township's Heritage Days liaison, reported on the latest meeting of the Heritage Days events planning committee, which meets the third Wednesday of the month. He extended an invitation to the rest of the Board to attend the meetings and recounted the types of activities that are being considered for the event.

Mr. Troutman said he envisioned the Parks and Recreation Board, Police Department, and other local organizations sponsoring booths so they could hand out information about the things they do for the community. He said there may be a need for the police to handle traffic control. Ms. Elliott said that while these activities seem like good ways for the Township to be involved, she would like to see a more detailed list of what the Foundation is expecting of the Township so she can present this to the appropriate staff members and the Board of Commissioners, since such an event was not anticipated in the 2009 Budget and she will need to gain budget approval before expenditures are made. She reiterated that the 2009 Budget is extremely tight due to the current economic condition.

St. Pius X Update

Ms. Elliott reported that Saint Pius was sent a bill for damages done to the fields October 8 and a follow up letter assessing interest to the original bill was sent November 19. Ms. Elliott said that Ms. Corley had spoken with the Athletic Director prior to sending the bill and left a message with the school prior to sending the November bill, but has not heard anything. We will continue to follow up.

Bateman-Romer Tract Naming

There was discussion on how to name the newly acquired 10-acre tract of land purchased using Montgomery County Open Space money. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cimino, seconded by Mr. Troutman, and unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote to recommend naming the park Bateman Trail at Sprogels Run Park.

Open Space Preservation and Recreation Areas SALDO Revisions

Ms. Elliott followed up with the Board on questions they had on the revisions. She said she spoke with the Township solicitor and said he was not comfortable with requiring more than 1% of commercial open space to be dedicated as active recreation. She said this is more of a negotiation point during the land development process. She asked that if Board members have any additional comments that they send them to her by January.

Unfinished Business Not Ready for Action

None.

New Business

None.

Comments by Board Members

Mr. Troutman asked if a representative of the Sunnybrook Foundation could make a presentation to the Board regarding Heritage Days. He asked if there could be parking signs placed at the Shaner Tract and about clean up for the portable toilets.

Comments by Visitors

Mr. Tony Doyle said he supported the name for the Bateman Trail.

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman, seconded by Mr. Cimino, and unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board for December 16, 2008 has been tentatively canceled. The 2009 schedule has not yet been approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyson Elliott
Assistant Manager

