

**Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 23, 2009 7:00pm**

In attendance: Patty Abdalla, Vice Chair Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
 Tom Troutman Jennifer Corley
 Rich Wood

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks & Recreation Board was called to order by Patty Abdalla at 7:05pm.

Parks & Recreation Report

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman, seconded by Mr. Wood and unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote to approve the February 2009 Parks & Recreation Report.

Unfinished Business Ready for Action

2009 Events

Ms. Corley reported on the status of the events for the 2009 schedule. The Easter Egg Scramble has been officially moved to Saturday, March 28, 2009. Ms. Corley reported she could not secure B101 for entertainment again this year and that her stock of prizes has to be replenished. She requested the Board approve of a \$95 expense to Oriental Trading Company for goodie bags and prizes. A motion was made by Mr. Troutman, seconded by Mr. Wood, and unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote to approve the expense for Oriental Trading Company.

Ms. Corley also reported that she has still not been able to secure a country band for the last open concert weekend. In lieu of this she suggested responding to another request by residents in the Parks & Recreation Survey of 2007. The residents requested more events for children. Since the concerts are at 6:00 pm, a “Kids Night Out” with Ernie and Neal. Ms. Corley said she would also like to solicit donations of water ice from Thriftway or the balloon artist Jack Hardesty to donate one hour of his time. The Board was responsive to the idea so Ms. Corley will schedule Ernie and Neal.

Volunteer Organizations

Ms. Elliott reported that a meeting with the leader of the Girl Scout troop that volunteered to work on Ringing Rocks Park was scheduled with her, Ms. Corley, and John Fogel to see what the scope of their intended volunteer effort was and try to formulate a project that benefits both the Township and the Girl Scout Troop. Ms. Elliott said she and Ms. Corley will report back to the Board after the meeting.

Ms. Elliott also reported that Exelon Generating Station has contacted the Township for a project in Sanatoga Park. They have employees willing to volunteer their time to accomplish something that the Township needs completed at that park. Ms. Corley reported that she is scheduling a meeting with them to work out a suitable volunteer project.

Unfinished Business Not Ready for Action

St. Pius X – Update

Ms. Elliot reported that the invoice for the damage done to Field #3 at Gerald Richards Park has been adjusted to reflect the exact cost of the seed that was used for the repair. Since Pius contacted us regarding the invoice we have ceased charging interest. The revised invoice will be sent out this week.

New Business

Fundraising

Ms. Corley presented a memorandum with information collected on different fundraising ideas for Park & Recreation. The Board was receptive to the ideas presented and agreed that as a Board they have to establish objectives and programs to present to the public. Discussion on types of projects for volunteers and Mr. Wood and Mrs. Abdalla are both interested in sitting on a committee to assist the Township. All agreed that a definitive direction is necessary before soliciting donations or help from the public. Forming a “Friends of Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks & Recreation” that would be its own 501(c)(3) was discussed as a possible vehicle for this fundraising effort. All agreed that first the project should go through P& R and then if successful, consider forming a 501(c)(3).

Comments by Board Members

Mr. Troutman wanted to remind everyone of the events going on at Sunnybrook Ballroom. He thinks the Township should have a presence at these events with an informational table since they are so well attended.

Comments by Visitors

Mr. Doyle commented that he likes the direction the Board is moving in. He commented that staff might consider building steps down from the fields as a project for the Exelon employees. Ms. Elliott explained that project was completed as a part of the Sanatoga Park Phase II Grant.

Mr. Doyle also wanted to know what the balance sheet looked like for Park & Recreation since there was not going to be funding coming in from residential development. He asked if commercial properties donate to Park & Recreation. Ms. Elliott commented that while there is no requirement in the Subdivision & Land Development or Zoning Ordinances for commercial developers to provide open space or donate a fee in lieu of to the Parks & Recreation Fund, they are usually amenable to a donation of trees in open space if they cannot provide enough trees on their own lot.

Ms. Elliott informed the Board that Upper Pottsgrove Township is having an open space meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7PM if any of our Board members would like to attend. The Sprogel’s Run Trail may be discussed.

A motion was made by Rich Wood, seconded by Tom Troutman, and unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Corley