

**LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
Parks & Recreation Board**

June 22, 2009 Meeting

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, June 22, 2009, and called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were the following:

Patty Bleakley, Chair
Dennis Cimino
Rich Wood

Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Cimino and unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote to approve the June Parks & Recreation Report, which included the minutes for both April 27, 2009, and May 26, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

Gerald Richards Parking Lot

Ms. Elliott said she had taken the comments of the Board back to the engineer to revise. However, plans are on hold for now since the developer she had in mind to do a good bit of the work, in accordance with an agreement he had made with the Township, went and did other work. She is working through how this will get done.

Coventry Christian

Ms. Elliott said she had been approached by a representative of Coventry Christian requesting relief from the requirement to pay the newly implemented seasonal field rental fee since they allow patrons of Gerald Richards Park to use their parking when they are not using it.

Ms. Elliott asked the Board members if they would support her working with Coventry Christian to formalize an agreement to use their parking in exchange for free use of the fields and, if so, what things would they like her to consider.

The Board was generally supportive of this idea. Mr. Wood requested that she ask Coventry Christian to help the sports organizations through a seasonal contribution toward line painting and other maintenance items and/or in kind services for field clean up and other maintenance. Ms. Bleakley agreed that the Board might be more amenable to this request if Coventry Christian were more involved in field maintenance and preparation.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Cimino, and unanimously approved to authorize Ms. Elliott to negotiate with Coventry Christian for a formal shared parking arrangement in exchange for free use of the fields at Gerald Richards Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Matthew Kendra Eagle Scout Project

Ms. Elliott presented a request from Matthew Kendra to construct timber steps on the western slope of Soccer Field #3 at Gerald Richards Park to allow easier access for soccer players to receive lost balls. He also requested the aid of the Public Works Department and its heavy machinery to help dig out the steps. The Board was appreciative of Matt's proposal and asked if he would consider a more fixed type of material, such as brick or pavers, on the interior of the timber steps. They were concerned that a dirt or gravel interior would become an unsafe condition.

A motion was made by Mr. Cimino, seconded by Mr. Wood, and unanimously approved to authorize Matt Kendra to construct timber steps on the western slope of Soccer Field #3 at Gerald Richards Park.

Girl Scout Troop #71505

Ms. Elliott presented a request from Girl Scout Troop #71505 to do work in Shaner's Grove at Ringing Rocks Park. This is a separate troop from the one that is planning to do clean up work in the Park. Their project requests are similar, with the exception of their request to build turtle ramps in the pond. The Board was hesitant to allow the Troop to do work in the pond and were concerned about the overlap of projects with the other troop and suggested they do work in another park. The suggested doing work in Sanatoga Park. Such projects included:

- Planting trees and other plants in the upper level
- Building benches or picnic tables, etc. in the upper level
- Removing (thinning) lily pads from the lake
- Building duck boxes or turtle platforms for the lake
- Invasive plant removal, particularly vines and multiflora rose
- Painting the maintenance building at the upper level

A motion was made by Mr. Cimino, seconded by Mr. Wood, and unanimously approved to authorize Girl Scout Troop #71505 to perform work in Sanatoga Park.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2009.