

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks and Recreation Meeting
February 22, 2010 7:00pm

The regularly scheduled Park and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, February 22, 2010 and was called to order at 7:02PM. The following were in attendance:

Patty Abdalla, Vice Chair
Dennis Cimino
Rich Wood

Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
Jennifer Corley

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Ms. Abdalla commented that the minutes would be accepted with a correction in Visitor Comments. The visitor's last name was erroneously omitted. Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the February Parks and Recreation Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimino and carried with a unanimous vote of 3 -0.

OLD BUSINESS

Easter Egg Scramble - Ms. Corley noted that with the severe weather we have been having this year, it would be prudent to find an alternate indoor location to host the annual Easter Egg Scramble. Her suggestion was to approach Coventry Christian School to see if we could use their new gymnasium. Mr. Wood suggested having Township Manager, Rodney Hawthorne contact Pottsgrove School District to see if we could use Lower Pottsgrove Elementary facilities.

Ms. Corley will contact Mark Neihls of Coventry Christian School and request that Mr. Hawthorne contact Pottsgrove School District.

Spring Park Opening – Ms. Elliott discussed the opening of the baseball field at Sanatoga Park. She discussed that she has run preliminary numbers to assess a cost of running the field for a season. This would be to determine an appropriate fee schedule for use of the fields. The consensus was that cost passed on would be comprised of the cost of a portable restroom and a once a week cleaning and 1/3 of the cost of the mowing bill for Sanatoga Park. At present the mowing is contracted out and done twice a week during the growing season.

Mr. Wood said that a fee of \$1000 for exclusive rights to the field would be fair. The Township should ask for that and see what the baseball organization can afford. The fee should be allowed to be paid in kind with field product or in cash.

Mr. Cimino commented that if the league does not already pay for a field, they may take issue with it and not want to use the field at Sanatoga Park. Ms. Abdalla commented that we would not want to give the field to a team at no cost. We would have to recuperate some of the cost of operating the field.

Ms. Elliott inquired as to whether the team plays every day as we would like to keep it a “premier” field and not have play more than 3 -4 times a week. Mr. Wood commented that the legion, Babe Ruth, City/County teams only play 3 games a week so if we make this a game only field it will fit the schedule. If the team wants exclusive rights to the field for use as a home field then there will be an issue.

Mr. Wood will talk to Pottsgrove Baseball Organization to find out what they pay as well as whether they want exclusive rights to the field and report back to Township Staff.

A motion was made by Mr. Cimino to adjourn the meeting at 7:26PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and carried with a unanimous vote of 3 – 0. The next regularly scheduled Parks & Recreation meeting is Monday, March 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Corley