

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks and Recreation Meeting
April 26, 2010 7:00 pm

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, April 26, 2010 and was called to order at 7:03pm. The following were in attendance:

Patty Abdalla, Vice Chair
Dennis Cimino
Rich Wood

Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
Jennifer Corley

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the March 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 reported the Scramble was held at the scheduled time. In spite of the cold, it was still a successful event. She thanked Commissioner Jim Kaiser's eldest son Daniel for his participation as the Easter Bunny. Mr. Cimino asked if an alternate location was procured for the Scramble in the event it would have been necessary. Ms. Corley responded that Coventry Christian School offered their space for a fee of \$50 per hour.

Spring Park Opening - Ms. Elliott reported that she has been in contact with the Public Works Director regarding the condition of the Sanatoga Park Ball Fields. Mr. Fogel has stated that he feels the baseball field is ready to be opened and the soccer field will be sufficiently established for fall play. The Board members inquired as to the cost of maintenance of these fields. Ms. Elliott commented that the mowing is contracted out at a cost of \$130 per cut. During the spring months the park is sometimes mown two times per month. The portable restrooms are rented at a cost of \$76 for every four weeks.

Mr. Wood reported he was in contact with Pottsgrove Baseball Organization's Senior Legion coach about the possibility of the organization renting Sanatoga Baseball Field for their team. The coach is enthusiastic about the opportunity; however, he stated that the Township should contact President of Pottsgrove Baseball regarding the rental and fees associated with said rental.

The group had discussion regarding establishing a fee schedule for the Sanatoga Park Fields. Ms. Elliott commented she would discuss the fee schedule currently on the Field Use Application with Pottsgrove Baseball. The field use rental is \$250 per season. The Board agrees.

Mr. Wood commented that Pottsgrove Baseball Organization would like to host a tournament using the Sanatoga Park field. Ms. Elliott commented on the additional costs to the Township for additional portable restrooms and parking limitations. Mr. Wood said they are aware of additional costs and would be willing to cover those additional costs. He also said that, with proper scheduling, parking should not be a problem.

Mr. Wood also reported that Pottsgrove Baseball inquired about sponsorship signs at the field. Harleysville Bank / First Niagara is their main sponsor and would provide additional funding if they were able to put up a sign for the season. Ms. Elliott will check with the Solicitor to see if there is any problem with signage and if there needs to be an amendment to the sign ordinance or if restrictions on signage at the ball park can be included in the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations. Ms. Corley commented that there is a standard at a neighboring Township's ball park and she would investigate what the standard requirements are.

Troop # 71505 Volunteer Project – Ms. Corley reported that the Girl Scout Troop adopted Sanatoga Park as their Bronze Award project. On March 20th they painted the block building, finished the capping and trim work, planted two flower beds outside the tot lot and are planning two more additions to this project. They would like to plant a shade tree on the opposite side of the path and build a bench to place under that. These projects will be completed in the future. For these projects, the Township supplied the material for the building; paint, façade and capping. The troop purchased the material for the flower beds and will provide the materials for their future projects as well. Ms. Corley reported that the troop plans to use the park as their Bronze Award project for the girls coming up through the next few years as well.

Ms. Abdalla asked if the Troop was planning a follow up presentation for the Board. Ms. Corley reported they would do a presentation for the Parks and Recreation Board after they completed their Bronze Award presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Sanatoga Park Rental - Ms. Corley presented an application for Sanatoga Park Pavilion rental on May 22, 2010. Mr. Cimino made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and carried by a vote of 3 – 0.

Matt Kendra Commemorative Plaque - Ms. Corley reported that Mrs. Kendra contacted her for permission to mount a plaque commemorating the Eagle Scout achievement of her son Matt Kendra on the steps he built at Gerald Richards Park. The plaque will mount on the riser of a step. Approximate size is to be determined. Mrs. Kendra is still looking for a sign company that can do what she would like. A proof will be sent to Lower Pottsgrove Township for approval prior to installation.

With there being no further business to discuss and no comments from Board members, a motion was made by Mr. Cimino to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and carried with a vote of 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Corley