

Lower Pottsgrove Township  
Parks and Recreation Meeting  
August 23, 2010 7:00 pm

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, August 23, 2010 and was called to order at 7:05pm. The following were in attendance:

Patty Bleakley, Chair  
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 April Parks and Recreation report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimino and carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Summer Concert Series* – Ms. Corley provided a summary of the Summer Concert Series and also a brief meeting with our Exelon representative Joe Szafran. Mr. Szafran was pleased with the results of the entire series and looks forward to working with us next year. Ms. Corley reported that there was only one concert canceled and one was rescheduled. Unfortunately, the Pottsgrove Community Band was the concert that was canceled.

*Parks* – Ms. Elliott reported on the condition of the fields at Sanatoga Park and Gerald Richards Park. Both fields at Sanatoga Park are ready for use in the Spring. Field 3 at Gerald Richards Park was burned during the drought. At present the Public Works staff is down to 2 members and they are maintaining the same amount of acreage that a 4 man staff used to maintain. Ms. Bleakley asked who was responsible for maintaining the kick wall as it has several boards loose and nails exposed. Mr. Wood said that Pottsgrove Soccer is having a field day and he will advise them to add this to their “to do” list.

*Fall Festival* – Ms. Corley reported that the sponsorship received for our Fall Festival was lower than expected. This will result in the cancellation of the entertainment portion of the event. All agreed that was not detrimental to the success of the event since we usually lose many of the participants by that point. There was also discussion on moving the event to the upper fields and parking lot to avoid having a hay ride on Sanatoga Road due to the increased traffic as a result of the detours off High Street. Ms. Bleakley had a solution for a smaller hay ride using a local company that had horse drawn wagons. She will provide Ms. Corley with the contact information so she may get the cost. After discussion it was decided Ms. Corley will arrange a plan for holding the Festival on the Ball fields. She will contact local vendors for any donations of supplies such as a tent. Ms. Corley will research the pricing for the alternate hay ride solution as well as the amount of space that is needed for the horses and wagon.

#### NEW BUSINESS

*Gerald Richards / Pleasantview Park Master Plan* – Ms. Elliott reported that she received a response from DCNR on our request to use the remaining funds from the Snell & Norton Park

Master Plan Grant to facilitate a Master Plan for Gerald Richards & Pleasantview Parks. That request was granted. Ms. Elliott will begin scheduling the meetings necessary for the process.

#### COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

*Rich Wood* – Mr. Wood asked about the plans for the interpretive signs for Sprogel's Run Trail. Ms. Elliott reported she is finalizing the bid packet.

*Dennis Cimino* – Mr. Cimino had no comments.

*Patty Abdalla* – Ms. Abdalla had no comments.

*Patty Bleakley* – Ms. Bleakley reported that she was asked about the possibility of installing a Frisbee golf course at Snell & Norton Park. Ms. Elliott responded that through the public master planning process, Snell & Norton has been deemed a passive recreation park and that a Frisbee golf course might conflict with that designation. There is open space where residents may organize a pick-up game, but nothing more active than that. Surrounding residents discussed their desire to preserve the wildlife. Mr. Wood added that we would need a large area for a course, and it should be partially wooded to provide more of a competitive course for the players. A local park that has a course is French Creek State Park and their area is approximately 7 wooded acres. Ms. Elliott also added that the park should be developed with the intended improvements and opened to determine how the park is being used before considering such an improvement.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm by Mr. Cimino and seconded by Ms. Abdalla. The motion carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, September 27, 2010 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Corley