

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011 7:00 PM

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, March 28, 2011 and was called to order at 7:01pm. The following were in attendance:

Patty Bleakley, Chair
Tom Troutman
Dennis Cimino
Bill Keohane
Rich Wood

Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
Jennifer Corley

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Troutman made the motion to approve the March Parks and Recreation report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keohane and carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Gerald Richards / Pleasantview Parks - Ms. Elliott reported on the most recent developments in the master planning process. At the most recent meeting with Simone Collins, a draft plan was presented. This plan is accessible via our website. Copies of the draft plan were presented to the Parks & Recreation Board. The last public meeting with Simone Collins will be held in April. The Board inquired as to what use the final plan will be put to. Ms. Elliott commented that the intent is to use the plan for a grant to be submitted to DCNR in April of 2012. Mr. Troutman asked if the Township began developing fields, would Pleasantview Park be developed first. Ms. Elliott responded Pleasantview would most likely be developed first, since it would provide the Township with additional fields to use when the fields at Gerald Richards Park would be closed for the renovations.

Annual Events Update - Ms. Corley reported on the progress of the Summer Concert Series band schedule. To date, there are two open slots on the schedule. Board members discussed alternate methods of advertising the concerts. Mr. Wood suggested using a sandwich board at the intersection of E. High St. and Sanatoga Road with simply "FREE CONCERT – SUNDAY 6PM", with an arrow pointing to Sanatoga Road on both sides. Another suggestion was made to have postcard sized "flyers" printed and distributed at the other Township events. Mr. Troutman distributed flyers before one concert at Sanatoga Thriftway and it was found that concert had a higher attendance.

Field Use Scheduling –Ms. Corley reported that fields at both Gerald Richards Park and Sanatoga Park are in use and fully scheduled for the spring. Board members discussed

the Township maintaining game schedules for the rental agreements. Ms. Corley advised that she is obtaining schedules and will be keeping them on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Sanatoga Park Grant Closeout - Ms. Corley announced that the final payment from DCNR, in the amount of \$17,000.00, has been received by the Township. This completes the Sanatoga Park Grant process. Mr. Troutman thanked Ms. Corley for her work for this grant.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Bleakley commented that since Sanatoga Park is off the beaten path, some security measures should be taken while games are in progress. She suggested the Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department drive through during games to ensure security. Ms. Elliott will talk to the Chief about doing so.

Mr. Wood inquired as to the progress of Sprogel's Run Trail. He has been in close communication with Upper Pottsgrove Township regarding the trail head that will connect Upper and Lower Pottsgrove Township's walking trails. Ms. Elliott explained that Lower Pottsgrove Township is prioritizing their recreational projects due to the increasingly limited funding opportunities. At present active recreation is the priority. She also explained that the Lower Pottsgrove Township alignment of the trail is more complicated due to various owners and easements that will have to be acquired prior to the trail continuing in LPT.

Mr. Keohane had no comments.

Mr. Troutman had no comments.

Mr. Cimino had no comments.

At 7:48pm Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troutman and carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Corley