

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks and Recreation Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2011 7:00pm

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, July 25, 2011 and was called to order at 7:10 pm. The following were in attendance:

Patty Bleakley
Dennis Cimino
Bill Keohane
Rich Wood

Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
Jennifer Corley

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the July Parks and Recreation report. A correction was made by Mr. Keohane, who then seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Events – Ms. Corley reported on the 2011 Summer Concert Series to date. She offered her thanks to both Rich Wood and to Joe Zlomek of the Sanatoga Post for their assistance with the 78th Army Band and making that evening such a success. Ms. Corley reported that she has spoken with the band coordinator and requested they return next year for another show. She also indicated that it was nice to have it as a special event mid-week and would like to do that again next year if possible. Ms. Corley reported that the Army Band members also thanked the community for their support. Ms. Corley commented that upon the band's return next season, she would like to have a meal provided for the members and their road crew. There is no fee for the concert, so the funds that would be spent on the show will be put towards a meal. Ms. Bleakley commented the event was a "home run" with the community. Initial feedback was that this special event worked well on a Wednesday night. General consensus was that the normal concert schedule remains on Sunday evenings.

Ms. Corley also reported on the Family Fun Night concert. This concert did not have as large an attendance, but The Paisley Pickles did provide exceptional entertainment for the families that did attend. Ms. Corley would like to invite them back again next year and have more promotion for the "Family Fun Night".

NEW BUSINESS

Field maintenance - Ms. Elliott reported she attended a seminar on the construction and maintenance of baseball fields offered by Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO) and Penn State University. Ms. Elliott said the seminar had very useful information that will help in the construction of future fields and maintenance of our current sports fields. Ms. Corley added she found an additional resource at mlb.com on field construction, safety and maintenance.

Board members continued with a discussion on implementing a formal maintenance agreement that can be entered into between the Township and sports organizations for field maintenance. This agreement is to outline the necessary maintenance that each type of field needs and the responsible party, be it the sports organization or the Township or a subcontractor.

Mr. Wood feels that the Township should solicit input from the sports organizations as to what needs to be done on a daily or seasonal basis and formulate a schedule from their suggestions along with the suggestions from Ms. Elliott's seminar notes and other resources available. Mr. Wood feels that since the organizations have a vested interest in the fields and getting the maximum use out of them, the input would be valuable. Mr. Keohane commented that we don't want the organizations formulating the agreement because then the Township loses too much control. All were in agreement that suggestions would be solicited from the sports organizations and Township staff will come up with maintenance guidelines for them to follow.

Ms. Corley will solicit information from surrounding municipalities that have fields that are maintained by the sports organizations. The board requested this draft be sent to them as soon as possible so there is enough time to review them prior to the September meeting.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments at this time.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no comments at this time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Cimino. The motion carried with a vote of 4 – 0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Corley