

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks and Recreation Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 2011 7:00 pm

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 and was called to order at 7:02pm. The following were in attendance:

Patty Bleakley
Tom Troutman
Bill Keohane
Rich Wood

Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
Jennifer Corley

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the November Parks and Recreation Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and carried with a vote of 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Sanatoga Park Field Use and Maintenance Agreement: Ms. Elliott inquired as to whether any board members had questions on the draft agreement that was distributed to them. Ms. Bleakley questioned the 35/65 split on the cost of the portable restrooms. Board members also inquired as to whether anyone from the renting organization must obtain a food handler's license. Montgomery County does require one for food preparation and a temporary license can be issued. This was determined not to be an issue as there is no snack bar at the location.

Ms. Elliott then began the discussion regarding banners on the outfield fence at Sanatoga Park. Ms. Corley researched two programs that are successful, one being Northampton township and the other Amity Township. Northampton Township program has a more complicated structure than Amity. In Amity Township the organization sells the banner for sponsorship at a cost. The cost is comprised of the cost of the banner and a sponsorship fee. Board members feel this sponsorship fee can be split between the Township and the organization. The banner may be re-used for a period of two years with only the sponsorship fee being collected in years 2 and 3. If the banner is tattered and the Township deems it necessary to be replaced, the replacement cost is the responsibility of the sponsor or purchaser of the banner. All banners will be a standard size.

Ms. Bleakley asked if the agreement would then be forwarded to the solicitor for final approval before contacting the sports organizations with the proposal for

the field use agreement. Ms. Elliott said the agreement will be given to the Township Manager, then the solicitor for review. The finalized document will be given the Park Board for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners before being implemented.

NEW BUSINESS

Gerald Richards Park Playground - Ms. Elliott explained that she presented the idea of redirecting the grant funds that were awarded by Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation and Occidental Chemical for the Sprogel's Run Trail project to the construction of a playground at Gerald Richard's Park to the Board of Commissioners and the Board approved the redirection of funds.

Ms Elliott then presented several options for playground equipment she found. Board members discussed what type of equipment they preferred. Members decided they would prefer a non-traditional equipment Mr. Wood suggested we host two age groups and that he has a contact that is on state contract.

Ms. Elliott explained we would like to use the area behind the snack bar that is directly accessible to the walking path for handicap accessibility. She asked the Board what type of surface they would like to use in the playground area itself. Mr. Wood commented that certified playground mulch would be best and least expensive. Mr. Troutman asked if the costs provided included installation. Mr. Wood asked if the excavation work could be donated. Ms. Elliott responded she would look into the pricing as well as talk to John Fogel about the Public Works department assist with the excavation and installation before the January meeting.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no further comments by Board members.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no comments by visitors.

Mr. Troutman made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Mr. Keohane. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J Corley