

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks and Recreation Meeting
Tuesday, May 29, 2012 7:00 pm

The regularly scheduled Parks and recreation meeting was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 and was called to order at 7:04pm. The following were in attendance:

Bill Keohane, Chair
Tom Troutman, Vice Chair
Dennis Cimino
Rich Wood

Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
Jennifer Corley

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

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Concert Schedule- Ms. Corley reported that she was finalizing the Summer Concert Schedule and would be publishing the concert list in the Mercury. She will also create a concert list to be distributed at Thriftway and National Penn Bank.

Fishing Derby- Ms. Corley reported that everything was in place for the upcoming fishing derby.

Regional Recreation- Ms. Elliott reported that the discussion on the regional park and recreation was held with Upper Pottsgrove, Lower Pottsgrove, Douglass Montgomery and Pottstown represented. Discussion revolved around a consultant for the regional position and also about programs each municipality already offers. The plan is to bring a consultant in around June or July. Pottstown offered good perspective for field leases/rentals as well as costs for programs and offering the programs free to senior citizens. They offered suggestions such as sharing items that are not in frequent use (ie. dunk tank). This would contribute to the region greatly.

Mr. Troutman commented that this regional collaboration would be very helpful for all municipalities involved. Mr. Wood added that Pottstown being included will be helpful as they have a wonderful program and produce a good publication with all the information on programs offered. He also asked if Pottstown and Lower Pottsgrove were the only municipalities offering programs to their residents. Ms. Elliot responded that Douglass does, but all events are self-funded and on a purely volunteer and donation basis. At this time she did not have information on the Coventries as they were not represented at this

meeting. She pointed out that the next step would be to have the consultant come in and that this prior discussion produced some helpful information. The goal is to have a consultant prior to the next regional planning meeting. Ms. Elliott would also like to get the Pottsgrove Recreation Board involved in this project as that will be helpful if the programs are merged. Mr. Wood commented that this was a positive move and would create a more solid relationship between the municipalities and the school district.

Gerald Richards Park Playground- Ms. Elliott reported that John Fogel asked to postpone construction of the playground until he completed his annual paving projects. Mr. Wood commented that would be better since then the sports organizations will be done at that point.

NEW BUSINESS

Sanatoga Park grills- Mr. Hawthorne approached Ms. Elliott about installing grills at the Sanatoga Park pavilion because there were reports of someone digging in the ground to create a fire pit for cooking. Mr. Wood said that providing the grills at the park would create a destination park for families to have quality time. He reported that the grills are available on State contract. Mr. Wood also described the installation of grills and ash collars at the county parks. This would give residents a safe disposal option for their charcoal and ash. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of 2 charcoal grills and the construction of one charcoal and ash collar. Mr. Cimino seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Wood proposed the installation of the grills and the construction of the ash collar would be a good Eagle Scout project. He knows of a resident that may be interested in the project and will contact the family.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Mr. Tony Doyle, 1745 Kepler Road commented that creating the destination place for family oriented activities, not just sporting events. At Sanatoga Park there is room to establish these things.

Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimino and carried with a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer J. Corley