

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks and Recreation Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2013 7:00PM

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, August 26, 2013 and was called to order at 7:00PM. The following were in attendance:

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

Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager
Jennifer Griffith

Prior to business being discussed, Marie Haigh, President of the MOMS Club of Pottsgrove/Pottstown presented a proposal for the club to donate two constructed and painted picnic tables for the Sanatoga Park Tot Lot. The Club plans to complete this project on Sunday, September 8th. The tables and benches will be painted white with the children's handprints in colorful paint. They will then be appropriately sealed to protect against weather. Mrs. Haigh did not have a picture of the tables. She will have one emailed on August 27th, so it can be forwarded to the Board for their final approval.

Mr. Cimino made a motion to approve the construction and installation of two painted picnic tables with benches conditioned on the approval of a picture to be provided via email at a later date. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bleakley and carried with a 5-0 vote.

A motion to approve the August 2013 Parks & Recreation Report was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Cimino. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

LED Sign - Ms. Elliott reported that the proposed LED sign would qualify for the DCNR grant. The application is due on September 6th. She reported the sign at Limerick Township came in at a cost of approximately \$22,000 which falls under the \$25,000 threshold for the grant. Limerick has said that they do no advertising on the sign other than Township and Fire Company business. There is no paid advertising. Mr. Wood inquired as to whom the manufacturer of the Limerick sign is and if they are on state contract. Ms. Elliott advised she would investigate to see if they were.

Ms. Elliott also reported that the Board of Commissioners supported the submission of the grant application for the LED sign; however, they requested staff review the Township's sign ordinance and possibly update its LED regulations. At present, Montgomery County is creating a draft sign ordinance that Lower Pottsgrove Township will use as a model.

Ms. Bleakley inquired as to whether advertising will be allowed on this sign. Ms. Elliott responded rules and regulations will be created if the Township receives a grant for the sign. Mr. Keohane asked if we were looking at a timeline of approximately one year for installation. Mr. Wood asked if any of the Board members have an issue with the LED sign being on Township property. Mr. Keohane commented that he attended a Board meeting where it was discussed. Ms. Elliott replied that there are logistical issues with putting the sign off site.

Regional Recreation - Ms. Elliott reported there is nothing to report on Regional Recreation.

NEW BUSINESS

Pottsgrove MOMS Club – See above.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Bleakly reported that Pottsgrove Recreation board has a new Director, Jill Ludy.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no comments by visitors.

Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimino and carried with a 5-0 vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Griffith