

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks and Recreation Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2014 7:00 PM

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, January 27, 2014 and was called to order at 7:06 PM. The following were in attendance:

Bill Keohane
Tom Troutman
Patty Bleakley
Dennis Cimino

Jennifer Griffith

According to First Class Township Code, members of the Parks and Recreation Board re-organized.

Rich Wood was nominated as the Chairperson. The motion was made by Bill Keohane and seconded by Dennis Cimino. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Dennis Cimino was nominated as the Vice Chairperson. The motion was made by Patty Bleakley and seconded by Bill Keohane. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Patty Bleakley and seconded by Dennis Cimino to approve the January report. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Sanatoga Park Field Rental – Ms. Griffith reported that there are three teams renting the baseball field at Sanatoga Park. Scheduling has been worked out amongst the teams and should not present a problem.

Fundraising/Donations/Sponsorships – Ms. Griffith reported that Exelon Generating Station has again pledged a sponsorship for the Summer Concert Series in the amount of \$7500.00. She also reported support from new Solicitor, Bob Brant in the amount of \$500.00 and Bursich Associates Inc in the amount of \$500.00. She informed the Board that she and Township Manager Ed Wagner will be asking other local businesses for support.

Any further discussion on fundraising and donations was tabled until a comprehensive project list is confirmed by members.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Dates - Ms. Griffith announced the prospective meeting dates. Mr. Cimino made a motion to approve those dates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troutman and carried with a vote of 4-0.

Event Dates - Ms. Griffith announced the prospective event dates and their potential rain dates. A motion was made by Ms. Bleakley and seconded by Mr. Cimino. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Goals and Objectives - Board members discussed establishing goals for 2014 based on previous projects that have been discussed and/or worked on that remain incomplete or were never implemented. A collective list of projects that had been discussed in the past was reviewed by members and notations were made on progress of said projects.

Mr. Cimino inquired about a project for a fountain at Sanatoga Lake. A former Parks and Recreation Board member offered his services in kind to install the fountain and the project was never followed up with. Ms. Griffith said she would add that to the working list.

Several Board members discussed the trails that were to be installed throughout township parks.

Mr. Keohane suggested the board collectively brainstorm and decide the direction they would like to take the recreational projects that exist in the Township. Does this board want to focus on active recreation such as organized team sports or does this board want to focus on active recreation such as walking trails?

All board members present questioned the LED sign at the Township building. Ms. Griffith commented that once she had access to the email correspondence between the former Assistant Manager and her contact, she would provide the board with an update.

Members asked what the progress was on the Township revising their sign ordinance to allow for the sign requested. Ms. Griffith commented that she will have to find out that information and then report back to the board. There is a question as to whether the Township is revising their ordinance or waiting for the revised ordinance template from Montgomery County.

A motion was made by Ms. Bleakley for the Parks and Recreation Board to submit the appropriate permit application for an LED sign and to abide by the Zoning that is in effect for said sign. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimino and carried with a 4-0 vote. The consensus was that should the permit be rejected, the Parks and Recreation Board would request that the Township submit a Zoning Hearing application for the LED sign.

Members continued into general discussion on programs. Suggestions were made regarding increasing the volunteer staff for each program as well as additional assistance for staff with the programs. One suggestion was to contact local colleges via email for an intern and another was to contact the local high school for students who need community service hours to assist.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Troutman commented that he was glad the board was “in motion” and working on solutions for programming and projects.

Mr. Keohane commented he is glad we will be getting a project list prioritized.

Ms. Bleakly had no further comments.

Mr. Cimino had no further comments.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no comments from visitors.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Cimino made a motion at 8:40 PM to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troutman and carried by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Griffith