

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks and Recreation Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2014 7:00 PM

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held on Monday, February 24, 2014 and was called to order at 7:04 PM. The following were in attendance:

Rich Wood
Bill Keohane
Tom Troutman

Jennifer Griffith

Absent from the meeting were Dennis Cimino and Patty Bleakley.

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman and seconded by Mr. Keohane to approve the February report. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

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Project List- The Board discussed having a focused direction for 2014. The decision was made to keep the agenda to one discussion item only and interject any necessary business on the occasion it should arise.

Ms. Griffith reported that the sign grant was denied by Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation. Funds for this would have to be sought out elsewhere if it is a project that can be done.

Mr. Wood commented that he would like to begin working on the parks by starting with Gerald Richards Park. This is the most populated park and does have both a Master Plan to consult and a list of projects that can be tackled. The Board previously discussed their desire to have projects come to fruition vs. constant discussion and no progress.

Mr. Wood identified categories that each project identified should fall into:

- Events and Programs
- Park Improvements
- Capital improvements
- Administrative (agreements, etc.)

There was then discussion on the project list that can be developed for Gerald Richards Park. The preliminary project list is as follows:

- Drainage / Storm Water Management
- Restrooms
- Picnic Pavilion / Concession Stand

- Baseball field restoration

The priority from the above list would be Storm Water Management. The Board feels this underlying problem must be corrected prior to any improvements being made to the facility. Mr. Wood suggested everyone read the Gerald Richards Park Master Plan proposal as it will include a plan for the storm water management. Mr. Troutman suggested we tap into community resources and find an engineer willing to donate their time to assist with a plan.

Mr. Keohane then made a motion to recommend the Township seek engineering advice and recommendations to improve the Storm Water Management at Gerald Richards Park. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion and it carried with at 3-0 vote.

Further discussion regarding Gerald Richards Park and the project list focused on the potential for a Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) to provide updated and ADA compliant restroom facilities that will be able to handle the demands of the busy park. The board would also like to see for inclusion in the grant, an ADA surface for the new playground that was installed in 2013 as well as a concession stand available for use by all sports organizations that use the park.

Mr. Wood stated that he would like to have a meeting with all sports organizations that use Gerald Richards Park or wish to use Gerald Richards Park to discuss their needs and potential partnerships with them to see some of the ideas that are discussed in the Master Plan come to fruition.

Ms. Griffith recapped the meeting commenting that the March meeting will be further discussion on Gerald Richards Park and the “to do” list there as well as establishing an agenda for the April meeting which is to include representatives from Pottsgrove Soccer, Pottsgrove Little League, Pottsgrove Softball and Pottsgrove Lacrosse.

Mr. Wood then made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troutman and carried with a vote of 3-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Griffith