

Lower Pottsgrove Township
Parks & Recreation Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2014 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday, April 28, 2014 and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following were in attendance:

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

Jennifer Griffith

Patty Bleakley was absent from the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman to approve the March minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keohane and carried with a vote of 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

DCNR Grant Application – Montgomery County Board of Commissioners - Members were presented with correspondence from Montgomery County Board of Commissioners requesting support for their application for a DCNR C2P2 Open Space Acquisition Grant. These grant funds would be used to purchase three properties along the Schuylkill River in Lower Pottsgrove Township; OxyChem (2.9 acres), Banks (2.5 acres) and Keenheel (11 acres). These properties will be used for open space to exist as they are naturally as well as further facilitate the construction of the Schuylkill River Trail. A portion of this trail will be constructed in conjunction with the new interchange project and made a part of the bridge. These three properties would provide better alignment for the continuation of the trail.

Mr. Troutman made a motion to recommend The Lower Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners send a letter of support for the application of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners for the DCNR C2P2 Open Space Acquisition Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimino and carried with a 4-0 vote.

Slide replacement - Mr. Cimino made a motion to approve the purchase of a new slide for Sanatoga Park Tot Lot to replace a broken slide. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keohane and carried with a vote of 4-0.

CDBG Application - Ms. Griffith updated the members on the previously submitted CDBG Application. Representatives from Montgomery County came in and met with Mr. Wagner and Ms. Griffith to find the best solution to accomplish the project at Sanatoga Park as it was proposed in the grant application. If the project were submitted under the “architectural barriers” remediation, some of the proposed projects would not qualify. If the project is submitted under the “low/moderate income benefit” all proposed projects would qualify. There are census qualifications that govern which it would be

submitted under. Mr. Wagner is currently awaiting a response about the census numbers to find out which way the project will be submitted. The venue service area income level must be at least 38%. Ms. Griffith will continue to keep the Board updated.

Park & Rec Coordinator Job Posting - Ms. Griffith reported that a copy of the job posting for the Regional Recreation Coordinator was included in the packet.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Troutman commented that the Sanatoga Park ball fields look good. He also informed members that on May 9th at Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School there would be a Historical Society exhibit with photos of Sanatoga Amusement Park.

Mr. Cimino commented that the last time the Board met there was discussion on the pump for Sanatoga Lake to keep the water from getting stagnant. Mr. Wood responded that lake is too large for a pump and that it would not help with the problems. There was discussion on potentially dredging the lake. Ms. Griffith reported that she had recently seen a quote from 1973 to dredge the lake at a cost of \$256,000.

Mr. Wood had no further comments.

Mr. Keohane had no further comments.

A motion was made at 8:10 p.m. by Mr. Cimino to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troutman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Griffith