

**Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday March 28, 2016**

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday March 28, 2016 and was called to order at 7:01 PM. The following were in attendance:

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

Katie Smith

A motion was made by Mr. Keohane to approve the February Minutes and was then seconded by Mr. Troutman.

Towels

OLD BUSINESS:

Grants

Mr. Wood informed the board that Justin Keller the Pottstown Regional Recreation Coordinator needed some approval from the board to go forward with applying for grants for Lower Pottsgrove Township. Mr. Wood explained to the board that Mr. Keller is applying for three grants for Lower Pottsgrove Township. The first grant is the CDBG for \$80,000 which will be used for trail improvements at Gerald Richards Park. The trail improvements include storm water management, taking out any ABR's and also making the trail ADA compliant. The second grant is for a way finding signs for the Township and also surrounding townships. Mr. Wood explained that the signs are a way to get people in a community to find what different places in your township. The grant would only be for design of the signs and the second part of the project would be to develop a way finding program online so that people in the townships can see where places are and also find out what is going on during a certain time. After the board discussed the different grants Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the way finding signs grant which was then seconded by Mr. Cimino and was carried out by a 4-0 vote. Mrs. Bleakley then made a motion for the approval of the CDBG grant which was then seconded by Mr. Keohane and was carried out by a 4-0 vote. Mr. Keohane made a motion for the approval of the Montco 20/40 grant for the improvements of Gerald Richards's parking lot which was then seconded by Mr. Troutman.

Sanatoga Park:

Ms. Smith reported to the board the improvements at Sanatoga Park are going to begin soon, and due to the weather they were not able to start as soon as they wanted to. She also informed the board that all of the improvements to the park should take about three weeks for them to complete.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Ms. Smith informed the board that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success and that they had a beautiful day for the event. She stated that she received help from the Pottsgrove Softball team and also the National Honor Society. She also stated that her volunteers are a huge help and how much they really help make the event run very smoothly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Child Abuse Clearances:

Ms. Smith informed the board that all volunteers and employees that help out with any park and recreation event need to have background checks. There are three background checks that need to be completed before a person can volunteer or work at a Lower Pottsgrove Park and recreation event. The first is the criminal background check the second is the child abuse clearance and the third is the FBI finger print clearance. This law was enforced by the state and any person who is working with children needs to have these clearances done then they are allowed to work with children and need to reapply every five years.

Comments by Board Members

Mr. Troutman informed the board in the calendar that he is working on with Justin Keller. He said the said is all the regional events that are going in each month and will be handed out and posted around in the other townships. This will allow for people to learn not only what is going on in their own township but also the surrounding townships also.

Comments by Visitors

There were no comments from visitors

A motion was made Mrs. Bleakley by to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Keohane and was carried out by a 4-0 vote of approval.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday June 27, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie H. Smith