

**Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday October 24, 2016**

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday October 24, 2016 and was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following were in attendance:

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

Katie Smith

A motion was made by Mr. Cimino to approve the September Minutes and was then seconded by Mr. Troutman which was carried out with a 5-0 vote of approval.

**POTTSGROVE BASEBALL & POTTSGROVE SOCCER:**

Mr. Wood informed the Board that they asked for Pottsgrove Baseball and Soccer to come to the Park and Recreation meeting to get some information from them about their field usage at Gerald Richards Park. Mr. Wood made note that Pottsgrove Soccer was not present for tonight's meeting. Mr. Wood asked the representative from Pottsgrove Baseball to introduce himself to the board. Mr. Kivela introduced himself and stated that he is the president of Pottsgrove Little League. Mr. Wood explained that he wanted a representative from the major field renters present at tonight's meeting because the Township is looking to do a lot of work over at Gerald Richards Park and also to the fields. The Township has gone after several grants to resolve some of the issues with the water runoff at Gerald Richards Park. The work will include improvements to the parking lot, ADA parking spaces, storm water solutions with piping swales etc., and also add an ADA path to the playground. Mr. Wood asked Mr. Kivela what the fields over at the West Park have that Gerald Richards Park does not have. Mr. Kivela stated that they have concrete paths down to all the different fields, snack bar with refrigeration for the children who have medicine in their Challenger Team and the bathrooms are all ADA and easily assessable. Mr. Wood let Mr. Kivela know that during the process of the upgrades to the park that there might be some fields that will be needed to take out of commission while they are working on the fields. Mr. Keohane stated that since the Township will not know if we receive the grant money until 2017, the board should invite both Pottsgrove Baseball and Pottsgrove Soccer back to the Park and Recreation meeting in February 2017. Both sports should come prepared with their field schedules and the amount of teams that they will have for the season and how many fields will be needed. Mr. Wood thanked Mr. Kivela for coming to the Park and Recreation Meeting and Mr. Kivela thanked the Board and stated that he is happy the project is moving on and to have the board let him know if there is anything that Baseball would be able to do to help out.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Community Day:* Ms. Smith updated the Board on Community Day and how the weather did not hold up for the event. The weather was rainy and windy which kept a lot of people from coming to the event. She told the board that the event was perfectly planned by everyone and they had a large number of volunteers.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Christmas Events:* Ms. Smith informed the Board that the Board of Commissioners decided that they did not want to do the food drive this year. Ms. Smith asked the board if they had any other ideas that could be done for Christmas Event.

## **Comments by Board Members**

Mr. Wood told the board that the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Coordinator position has been filled. Michael Lane has accepted the position and stated that he should be at the November meeting to meet the Board.

## **Comments by Visitors**

There were no comments from visitors

A motion was made Mrs. Bleakley by to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Troutman and was carried out by a 5-0 vote of approval.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday November 28, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie H. Smith