

Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday November 24, 2014

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday November 24, 2014 and was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following were in attendance:

Edward C. Wagner Township Manager	Katie Smith
Rich Wood, Chairperson	Eric Miller (President of PG Little League)
Dennis Cimino, Vice Chair	
Bill Keohane	
Tom Troutman	

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimino.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Mr. Wood introduces Eric Miller the Pottsgrove Little League President. Mr. Miller explains his position in the league and that the Vice President of the league is Steve Barzousky. Mr. Wood asks what fields in Gerald Richard Park are in need of work. Mr. Miller explains that the major problem is not that they are in need of work, it's that they are seeing a lot of traffic from pedestrians in the outfield while the games are going on. He explained that there was a time during a game where there was a kid on a mini bike riding around in the outfield. Mr. asks the board if they would be able to put in a temp fence during the season. Mr. Miller states that field 2 was used last year as a T-ball field, and the water problems might be why there were no games scheduled for that field. Mr. Wood asks Mr. Miller how many fields that they needed for PGLL. Mr. Miller told the board that it was not more fields that they need it's better quality fields that they need. Mr. Troutman asked Mr. Miller if there were enough practice fields for all of the teams. Mr. Miller stated that they do not have enough practice fields for all the teams to practice each week. Mr. Wood asks of they have a water issue and Mr. Miller stated that water was an issue this year, which did not allow for some teams to get on the field to practice until two weeks before the season. It was asked if there were any games that were lost due to field conditions. Mr. Miller stated that games were not affected due to the conditions, but they lost out on a lot of practice time. Mrs. Bleakly pointed out that if they add a T-Ball Field to Pebble beach it will open up a field for game use for the minors. Mr. Wood explains to Mr. Miller that there is a master plan for Pleasant View which would allow for more room for the baseball and soccer fields. Mr. Miller said that more fields would allow for more kids to get on the field each week.

After discussion of the plan Mr. Miller states that PGLL will help the Township in whatever way that they can. Mr. Wood requests from Mr. Miller the breakdown of the townships in the league and emails it to Mrs. Smith.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Meeting with the Engineers**

Mr. Wood explains to the board that two different engineering firms walked the park and spoke about their ideas for the storm water problem in Gerald Richards Park. Mr. Wood summarized for the board what each firm was considering to be a solution to the water problem. Bursich stated that we would have to basically redo all of the fields and crown the fields, move swales which would be an expensive project that would take the fields out of commission for a while. Penonni's plan would be to pipe the field down to Buchert road, and we should consider crowing all of the fields. This would be the quickest and cheapest way to take care of the water problems at Gerald Richards Park. After discussing the ideas of each engineering firm, Mr. Troutman made a motion to get price of a plan for Gerald Richards Park and Mrs. Bleakly seconded the motion and was carried out with a 5-0 vote.

### **SANATOGA POND**

Mr. Wood explains that the unknown plant that invading Sanatoga Pond was identified as water lettuce. Mr. Wood spoke with Ann Rhoads from Academy of Natural Sciences and she told him that the water lettuce most likely will not survive though the winter. If the water lettuce does survive though the winter it will over populate the pond and kill off the fish population. The water lettuce absorbs the oxygen that is in the pond which kills off the fish.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Troutman motions to approve the dates for meeting of 2015 and Mr. Keohane seconds the motion.

### **Comments from Board**

There were no comments from board members

### **Comments from Visitors**

There were no comments from visitors.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bleakly to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Troutman and carried with a 5-0 vote.