

**Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday September 25, 2017**

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday September 25, 2017 and was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following were in attendance:

Bill Keohane, Head Chair

Dennis Cimino, Vice Chair

Tom Troutman

Joe Zlomek

Robert Van Bramer

Katie Smith

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

Introduction of New Board Member: Mr. Van Bramer introduced himself to the Park and Recreation Board. He told the the Board that he has lived in Lower Pottsgrove Township since 1999. Mr. Van Bramer also informed the board that he is involved in Pottsgrove Little League since his sons were able to play. The Board welcomed Mr. Van Bramer to the Park and Recreation Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pottstown Regional Recreation: Mr. Keohane explained to Mr. Van Bramer that Lower Pottsgrove Township is part of the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee. Which is comprised of 6 different municipalities. Michael Lane is the Regional Recreation Coordinator for PARRC which he helps these municipalities find grants for their parks. Currently, PARRC is working on connecting trails from each community so that people will be able to go from one park to the other by the trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Predators Baseball: Mr. Cogliano introduced himself to the board and explained that he has sons that play for the Predators Baseball team. He stated that the Predators baseball team is looking for a home field for them to play games at and hold practices. Mr. Cogliano stated that he spoke with Mr. Wagner about the open space on Bleim and Pleasant View Road. Mr. Wagner advised him to present to the Park and Recreation Board about get their thoughts on having a land lease with the Township for the open space between Lower Pottsgrove Township Park and Recreation and The Predators Baseball Team. Mr. Keohane raised a questions to the rest of the Park and Recreation Board, if something like this would fit in the long-term goals for the Park and Recreation for Lower Pottsgrove Township. One concern Mr. Keohane had is that the open space Predators plan would need to be consistent with the master plan that was created for this open



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space at Pleasant View and Bleim. Mr. Zlomek asked the Predators Representatives if the fields would be used solely for Predator use, or are they looked to expand to other groups as well. Mr. Cogliano replied that he does not hold any title to the Predators group and he is heavily involved in the Pottsgrove Little League also. Mr. Van Bramer stated that he is the Vice President of Pottsgrove Little League. Mr. Cogliano then went on to say that he is speaking personally and not for the Predators since he is a huge fan of baseball, so for him if they could get started with two to three fields and turn into six or seven fields and find a system where everyone can enjoy the fields, coexist and manage the fields the right way that would be great. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Zlomek to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they hear the presentation from the Predators Baseball Team about having a land lease with them at the Bliem Pleasant View open space. If the Board of Commissioners vote that they would like to have a land lease with the Predators than the Park and Recreation Board would like to be involved in all planning for the park. Which was then seconded by Mr. Troutman and carried out in a 5-0 vote of approval.

Comments by Board Members

There were no comments from Board Members.

Comments by Visitors

There were no comments from visitors.

A motion was made by Mr. Troutman to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Cimino and was carried out by a 5-0 vote of approval.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday January 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie H. Smith