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Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Monday February 26, 2018

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday February 26, 2018 and was called to order at 7:02 PM. The following were in attendance:

Bill Keohane, Head Chair

Tom Troutman

Joe Zlomek

Robert Van Bramer

Katie Smith

A motion was made by Mr. Zlomek to approve the January Minutes and was then seconded by Mr. Troutman which was carried out with a 4-0 vote of approval.

Bursich Proposal: Ms. Roesener from Bursich explained to the board that the NPDES Permit for Phase 1 of Gerald Richards Park has been approved. Phase 1 is ready for construction of the project now that the NPDES Permit has been approved. She explained that the next step would be determined on how the township would like to proceed with Phase 2 of Gerald Richards Park. Mr. Camburn also from Bursich stated that there was a slight modification of what Phase 1 of the parking lot to what was actually in the grant. What was submitted with the grant application was not actually a feasible parking lot, so it needed to be modified. Mr. Camburn explained that there was a 12-foot drive aisle, you cannot have a 12-foot drive aisle and have it as a usable parking lot. He also explained to the board that the rain garden is not even a necessity it was something that was added as a benefit when we were working with the Conservation District they identified that we had to put in permitting for best management practices (BMP's) even just to take equipment from one section to the other section of the park due to the tires of the truck would beat up the grass which would need permitting storm water measurements. They asked the Conservation District if they could use the paved trails to move equipment and they stated no because it could damage the trails which is considered a disturbance so you would still have to do permitting BMP's. Mr. Camburn explained that these concerns from the Conservation District is what took so long to get the NPDES Permit approved. Mr. Camburn explained to the board that even with the swales at the park there is still a chance that water will build up on the fields.



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He showed the board the picture of Amity Park baseball field a week after a rain storm. The field only had grading work done to help with the buildup of storm water on the fields. Mr. Camburn wanted the board to understand that even with the grading work completed the fields still hold water on them. He suggested to the board that an under-drain system to be put in at Gerald Richards Park which will help minimize the water from sitting on the baseball field. Mr. Zlomek asked Mr. Camburn is the reason that there is not under-drain system in the plan due to the Township not having the money to cover the under-drain. Mr. Camburn responded that it was not part of the Grant Application, which Mr. Zlomek asked if we can use some of the money from the grant to put in an under-drain system even though it was not part of the grant application assuming that there is money to use. Mr. Camburn responded that you would be able to add the under-drain to the project scope which would then have to be paid for. Mr. Zlomek made a comment that there is going to be an expectation to people who know that they fields are being worked on that the fields are going to be substantially drier than what they are now. Mr. Kohane asked if the Township would be able to put the under-drain in the bid to see how much more it would cost and if it would be to much then they can opt out of putting in the under-drain, or would that affect the cost of the proposal from Bursich. Mr. Camburn stated that it would not affect the cost and he will keep the cost the same with the under-drain or without the under-drain. Mr. Zlomek told Mr. Camburn that it was generous on his part and thanked him. Mr. Camburn stated that he just wants to see the project get done right and that is why informing them of the possibility of the fields still having water on them. He said that they can build in the contract and bid documents that as an alternate the under-drain system. A motion was made by Mr. Keohane that Bursich include a provision for under drain in the project scope as an option for contractors to bid on which was then seconded by Mr. Zlomek which was carried out in a 4-0 vote of approval. Mr. Keohane amended his motion to have the under-drain and also the fencing from the practice field to be an alternative in the bid documents. Which was carried out in a vote of 4-0 of approval. The Board thanked Mr. Camburn and Ms. Roesener for coming to the meeting and reviewing the different phases with them and their concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gerald Richards Park Grants: The Board discussed how much money was in the Park and Recreation account and if they would like to use the money for the engineering for Phase 2 of Gerald Richards Park. After much discussion Mr. Zlomek made a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners that they authorize the expenditure of apx. 30,000 of the 48,000 in the Park and Recreation bank account to cover the cost of Phase 2 engineering. Which was then seconded by Mr. Troutman and carried out in a 4-0 vote of approval.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Easter Egg Hunt: Ms. Smith informed the board that the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 24th at Gerald Richards Park.

Fish Rodeo: Ms. Smith let the Board members know that the Fish Rodeo will help on Sat. May 5th at Sunnybrook Ball Room.

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 8:16 PM. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Van Bramer and was carried out by a 4-0 vote of approval.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday March 26, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie H. Smith