



LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP

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Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, February 22, 2021

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday, February 22, 2021. The following were in attendance:

Dennis Cimino
Patricia Mazeski
Thomas C. Troutman
Bob Van Bramer
Joe Zlomek

Susan Kraynik, Township staff
Roxanne Schurr, Township resident

Joe Zlomek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Zlomek asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of January 25, 2021 meeting. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Troutman moved to approve the minutes, and Bob Van Bramer seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of January 25, 2021.

POTTS GROVE FUTURE FALCONS

Eric Clayton and Tom Rizzitiello came before the Board to present a plan for the Pottsgrove Future Falcons to use both Gerald Richards and Pleasantview Parks for football and cheerleading. Mr. Clayton stated that other than school fields, there are no football fields in Upper or Lower Pottsgrove for the group to use. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the overall use of Pleasantview Park, and how football would fit in to the existing 2011 Master Plan. Discussion was also held regarding an upcoming PENNDOT road extension and how that fits into the Master Plan and the proposed football field. It was reported that most Parks and Recreation projects are funded by grants. Joe Zlomek and Eric Clayton stated they would discuss the matter in greater detail with Ed Wagner and report back next month. Mr. Clayton agreed to provide a detailed plan in writing.

Mr. Clayton reported that the Pottsgrove Soccer Club provided an approval letter for the use of Gerald Richards Park during their overlapping season. A copy of this letter will be provided to the Township this week, and a copy will be provided to the Board. Mr. Clayton reported he discussed with the Pottsgrove Soccer Club providing multi-use temporary goals, for both soccer and football. Joe Zlomek stated that a vote on a recommendation to use Gerald Richards Park after the letter from the Pottsgrove Soccer Club is received.

Mr. Clayton and Mr. Rizzitiello left the meeting at this time.

HEALTH & WELLNESS GRANT

Sue Kraynik reported that an additional \$35,000 grant was received. This grant will be applied to work being done at Gerald Richards Park. A copy of the grant award was attached to the agenda.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANT

Sue Kraynik reported that the Township's deadline to apply to the Conservation District for a permit is the end of March. The Conservation District requested that a small ADA trail be added from the ballfield to Coventry Christian School. The project is moving forward.

PAARC MEMBERSHIP

Sue Kraynik submitted a list of funding contributions for the next five years for the seven municipalities who work together to form the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee. A Memorandum of Understanding was attached as well.

ETHICS FORMS

Sue Kraynik reminded the Board members to submit ethics forms to the Township as soon as possible.

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

Sue Kraynik reported that Ed Wagner recommended that due to the ongoing pandemic and slow roll out of the vaccine, that the Easter Egg Hunt be canceled. The Board agreed with the recommendation, with regret. Tom Troutman moved to cancel the 2021 Easter Egg Hunt. Pat Mazeski seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding the Fish Rodeo. Sue Kraynik reported that the Police Department has the final decision on whether to hold it. A decision will be made soon.

Tom Troutman expressed his desire to stock the Sanatoga Lake with fish this spring.

Discussion was regarding the Summer Concert Series, and whether to hold them due to COVID and very little funding. Joe Zlomek suggested asking Ed Wagner for a recommendation. Tom Troutman suggested that Pottstown Community Band be requested to perform at the Community Day. Joe Zlomek requested that at least 1 concert be held.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Mazeski stated that after careful consideration she is resigning her position on the Board. She will, however, stay on until a replacement is found. Joe Zlomek and the Board expressed disappointment in her decision but conveyed their appreciation that she will stay on until a new member is found. Mrs. Mazeski stated that she would submit a resignation letter to Ed Wagner.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Roxanne Schurr stated that she attended the meeting tonight to see if she may be interested in joining the Board. She will let the Board know when a decision has been made.

There being no further business, Tom Troutman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Mazeski seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kraynik

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