



LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP

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LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Monday, January 24, 2022/ 6:30pm

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday, January 24, 2022, and was called to order at 6:32pm. The following were in attendance:

Bob Van Bramer
Tyler Tyson
Thomas Orlando
Anita Meehan
Amy Henderson
Madison Orler
Thomas C. Troutman

REORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION – 6:33 PM

Ms. Orler stated that the reorganization of the Board began at 6:33 p.m. Ms. Orler asked the Board if there was a nomination for the Board Chairman. Mr. Tyson made the nomination for Bob Van Bramer as Chairman. Ms. Orler asked the Board if they had any other nominations. Ms. Orler, after hearing no additional nominations, the nominations were closed. The final vote was 5-0 in favor.

Mr. Van Bramer asked the Board if there was a nomination for the Board Vice Chairman. Mr. Van Bramer made the nomination for Tyler Tyson as Vice Chairman. Mr. Van Bramer asked the Board if they had any other nominations. Mr. Van Bramer, after hearing no additional nominations, the nominations were closed. The final vote was 5-0 in favor.

Reorganization concluded at 6:35 pm.

Regular meeting began at 6:35pm.

A motion to approve the 2022 Meetings was made by Mr. Tyson and seconded by Ms. Meehan. The approved dates were as follows: January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, August 22, September 26, October 24, and November 28.

A motion was made by Mr. Tyson to approve the November minutes and seconded by Mr. Van Bramer.

TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORT

Introduction of new members

Ms. Orler introduced Mrs. Henderson as the new Township Administrative Support member. Ms. Orler stated that she will be talking place of her at the meeting. Any questions or concerns can be mentioned to her. If she needs assistance Ms. Orler will help with any of those questions or concerns. Mr. Troutman suggested that we start looking at bands for the summer concert series. Ms. Orler stated that we have already started looking along with looking at other events that we are

organizing.

Mr. Van Bramer welcomed Ms. Meehan to the Board. Ms. Meehan stated that she is a new member of the township. She was a past resident of New Hanover Township and was on committees for them. Ms. Meehan stated that she was involved with the Boyertown YMCA for many years on there Board.

Update to Gerald Richards Park Project

Ms. Orler stated that official award of the contract was issued in October 2021. Pre- construction meeting was held on October 22, 2021. Anticipated start for construction is early November 2021. Contractor mobilized to project site on November 9, 2021. All erosion and sediment control measures have been installed. Earthwork for new soccer fields has begun. First payment application has been submitted and was approved by the Township. Work has stopped since the ground has been so cold. Trail work will begin in the spring. Mr. Van Bramer asked if they had asked to an extension on this project. Ms. Orler stated that the completion and deadline date was still May 31, 2022. Mr. Troutman asked why half of the parking lot was closed. Ms. Orler stated she was unsure why that was closed but she would find out. Mr. Troutman asked if this project would interfere with the Spring soccer. Mr. Van Bramer stated that most likely it will interfere with soccer, but spring ball would be ok with the two lower fields.

Proposed Sanatoga Park Spring Cleanup

Ms. Orler stated that a Lisa Miller sent a letter to request a clean up of Sanatoga Park. She stated or concern with using canoes with liability issues. The Board was ok with the canoes or kayaks and was in favor of it. Mr. Orlando asked if we should do a waiver form for them to sign. Ms. Orler stated that she would ask Mr. Wagner if he would like for that to be done. Also Ms. Meehan asked how many people were helping with the project. Ms. Orler stated at she would have to ask and find out.

Easter Egg Hunt 2022

Ms. Orler stated at we have decided to have the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th and the rain date Saturday, April 16th. She suggested it to be held at Sanatoga park due to Gerald Richards Park is being worked on. Times are as follows:

10am – 2 year olds

10:10 am – 3 & 4 year olds

10:20 am – 5 & 6 year olds

10:30 am – 7 & 8 year olds

Mr. Troutman asked if we had ordered those eggs yet. Mrs. Orler stated that we would be ordering them next week. Also Mr. Troutmen asked if we could possibly use the elementary school.

Community Day 2022

Ms. Orler stated that we were having a Community Day kick off meeting that will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 2pm with the township staff and the police department. Community Day 2022 will be held on Saturday, September 10th from 11:00am – 1:30pm. When asked if the times were ok the Board was in favor of it. Mr. Troutman's only concern was the date of the event due to other organizations planning things that same day. Ms. Orler stated that she had researched ahead of time that day to see if anything is scheduled and so far, no one has anything scheduled. That date is also already reserved for us so there are no scheduling issues. It will be held a Ringing Rocks Pavilion.

Old Business

Mr. Troutman reminded us to get the bands scheduled for the Summer Concert series due to them getting booked up early. The dates of the series were discussed June 26th - July 31st. Mr. Troutman also stated that if the Pottsgrove Alumni Band couldn't play this year the Boyertown Alumni Band would be willing to play instead. Mr. Van Bramer asked what other events we have scheduled. Ms. Orlor stated that we have the Fish Rodeo booked and it will be at Sunnybrook. Mr. Troutman asked if we could stock the Sanatoga Park with fish since the pandemic started a lot of families have been fishing there. There are not that many fish in the lake anymore. It doesn't matter what kind of fish we supply it with. The children will just be happy to catch any. Mr. Orlando asked about the Valley Forge Baseball team that inquired about the field. Ms. Orlor stated at the organization hasn't contacted her since she responded back to them. She will follow up with them to see what is going on. Mr. Orlando asked if Park and Recreation has a budget. Ms. Orlor stated at she could ask Michele for that information and get back to them.

New Business

Mr. Orlando gave us a list of events that Limerick Township is doing that we may look at and compare with what we are currently doing. It can maybe a suggestion of other items at we may be able to provide. Our community day will not be in competition with anything that they have scheduled.

Comments by Board Members

Mr. Troutman asked if there are any future projects for the open space next to the old Oxi-Chem Plant. Mr. Van Bramer stated that there is a sheet that was made with the park priorities on it to list which parks get taken care of first. Ms. Orlor will find the list and we can re-evaluate that list at next meeting.

Comments by Visitors

No visitors were at the meeting. Mr. Van Bramer asked if the Pottstown Little League could get their registration information put up on the sign outside the township building. Ms. Orlor will talk to Ed about that and get back to him.

Next Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Tyson to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Meehan. The meeting ended at 7:12 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Henderson