



LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP

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

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

Joe Zlomek	Susan Kraynik, Township staff
Patricia Mazeski	Roxanne Schurr, Township resident
Thomas C. Troutman	Mara Trexler, member of the public
Bob Van Bramer	Eric Clayton, Pottsgrove Future Falcons
Bill Keohane, PAARC representative	Thomas Rizzitiello, Pottsgrove Future Falcons

Joe Zlomek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Zlomek asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Van Bramer moved to approve the minutes, and Pat Mazeski seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021.

POTTS GROVE FUTURE FALCONS

Eric Clayton and Thomas Rizzitiello came before the board regarding the use of Gerald Richards Park for the Pottsgrove Future Falcons football teams. It was noted that a letter confirming that the Falcon's use of the field will not interfere with the Pottsgrove Soccer Club was attached to the agenda. Mr. Clayton showed the board the proposed goal posts and noted that they will be removable. After some discussion, Bob Van Bramer moved to recommend approval for the use of Gerald Richards Park for Pottsgrove Future Falcons football for the 2021 season. Pat Mazeski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the Pottsgrove Future Falcons' use of Gerald Richards Park for the 2021 season. This permission was granted with the agreement that the Falcons will work with John Fogel for field maintenance.

Discussion was held regarding payment of the field rental fee. It was noted that other community-based, non-profit groups (Little League) do not pay the rental fee. Mr. Clayton stated that the Falcons are a non-profit group, and anyone who wants to play, is permitted. Tom Troutman made a motion to recognize the Pottstown Future Falcons as a community group, and to waive the field rental fee, provided the Falcons pay the security deposit. Bob Van Bramer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to waive the field rental fee.

Tom Troutman requested that the Pottsgrove Future Falcons schedule be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board when it is available. It was further suggested that the Future Falcons appear before the Board of Commissioners to explain plans for Gerald Richards Park.

Eric Clayton and Thomas Rizzitiello left the meeting at this time.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Sue Kraynik reported that Ed Wagner has secured the funding needed for the 2021 Summer Concerts from J. P. Mascaro. Four concerts have been scheduled and will be publicized on the Township website and other social media outlets. It was further reported that the Community Band is unsure if they will be available this year. They have not practiced due to Covid.

FISH RODEO

Sue Kraynik reported that the date for the Fish Rodeo has been changed to Saturday, May 15. However, it is in danger of not being canceled for 2021 due to lack of volunteer leaders. Currently, only one police officer and Sue Kraynik are scheduled to run the event. Bob Van Bramer stated that he would be available to help. Joe Zlomek stated that he will check with a civic group that may possibly provide some volunteers. Sue Kraynik noted that any volunteers would need the required background check.

Tom Troutman discussed placing fish in Sanatoga Lake. Joe Zlomek stated that he had contacted the state fish hatcheries, and that due to the pandemic and employee shortage, less fish were available, and all available fish have been allocated for 2021.

SANATOGA PARK/PAARC

Sue Kraynik reported that conceptual photos of possible improvements to Sanatoga Park Bandshell area, provided to the Board members prior to tonight's meeting, were created by Michael Lane, representative to PAARC. Bill Keohane reported that these possible improvements were developed in coordination with the Master Plan, and discussions were held about the photos individually. Concerns about the age and safety of the pavilion, and the condition of the steps and the playground closest to the Bandshell were discussed. It was noted that grant monies will be needed to complete engineering/design plans for these improvements.

Joe Zlomek thanked Michael Lane for the good illustrations. Bill Keohane requested that the Board review the suggestions and discuss how to proceed at the next meeting.

Joe Zlomek reported that the Sanatoga Green developers are turning a portion of the old trolley line into a walkway/connector to Sanatoga Park.

Bill Keohane reported that Michael Lane is retiring at the end of April. PAARC is working with a recruiter to hire a replacement. He hopes to have a candidate chosen by next week.

Bill Keohane discussed the strategic plan and priorities for park improvements. He reminded the Board that the strategic plan was developed with all 7 member municipalities in mind.

Sue Kraynik noted that the list of spring project submitted by John Fogel included the cleaning of the playgrounds weekly.

Sue Kraynik reported that a final walk-through for the Gerald Richards parking lot project should be scheduled soon, and the final payment made.

Joe Zlomek announced that while he has thoroughly enjoyed working with the Parks and Recreation Board, but at the end of his term, April 3, 2021, he will not renew his Board seat. The rest of the Board expressed their sadness that he is leaving but wished him well in his anticipated travels with his wife.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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