



LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP

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Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, April 26, 2021

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday, April 26, 2021. The following were in attendance:

Bob Van Bramer
Dennis Cimino
Thomas C. Troutman
Joe Zlomek
Bill Keohane, PAARC representative

Paul Smith, resident
Susan Kraynik, Township staff

Joe Zlomek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Joe Zlomek announced that at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 22, 2021 he was reappointed to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board, with his term ending April 3, 2026. All members of the Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Zlomek for continuing his role with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Joe Zlomek stated that minutes for the March 22, 2021 meeting were mistakenly not attached to the agenda. Approval will be deferred until the May meeting.

Bill Keohane reported that Michael Lane will be retiring from the PARRC this week. The new representative, Patricia McCloskey will work with Michael for a few days prior to taking over. He further stated that Ms. McCloskey has experience in the field and is well qualified. Mr. Zlomek and the Board thanked Mr. Lane for his efforts for Lower Pottsgrove Township during his tenure and wished him well in retirement.

Discussion was held regarding possible improvements to Sanatoga Park near the band shell. Bill Keohane suggested that discussion on the improvements be tabled until Michael Lane's successor is up to speed. Discussion was held regarding the cost for the improvements. Costs will depend on which projects are chosen. Mr. Keohane also stated that grants may be procured for some of the project. He further noted that approval from the Conservation District may be required since the park is in a watershed area. Tom Troutman suggested that the new pavilion could be erected by John Fogel's crew, since they built the previous one. Tom Troutman requested that the process move along at a speedier pace.

Discussion was held regarding the Schuylkill River Trail. Joe Zlomek described the plans to the Board. It was stated that Upper Pottsgrove and West Pottsgrove are also looking to connect to the trail as well. Ms. McCloskey will be working on this project. Bob Van Bramer reported that it is anticipated that it will go out to bid this year, with completion scheduled for 2022. Discussion was held regarding a Lower Pottsgrove spur of the trail. Bill Keohane stated that less than 1 mile will be needed to connect Sanatoga Park to the Trail. Funding would be needed to accomplish this spur.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Fish Rodeo, to be held on Saturday, May 15. Sue Kraynik reported that registration is slow this year. Mr. Zlomek stated that the Mercury will feature a story this week, which should help boost registration. All members of the Parks Board were invited to attend if available. Bob Van Bramer stated that he will be available to help. It was noted that there are 4 other fishing events scheduled for the same day: Lower Pottsgrove Sportsman's Club, New Hanover Township, Pottstown Police Department, and the Fish & Game Club. Sue Kraynik reported that Wawa donated juice boxes and is hoping to get donations from Landis and Redner's Markets. Dennis Cimino offered to provide snacks, even though he cannot attend.

Sue Kraynik reported that the final walk-through has been delayed at Gerald Richards Park. Grass seed has been planted. It is hoped that it will be open by Memorial Day.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Summer Concerts. Joe Zlomek reported that J.P. Mascaro has agreed to sponsor the concerts for 2021. Ms. Kraynik further stated that the Community Band has not practiced since the pandemic started due to lack of practice space. They will not be available to play this year at this time. However, it was noted that August 2 will be available to them if things change.

Sue Kraynik reported that the John McMenamin memorial bench will be installed tomorrow in Gerald Richards Park. Pictures will be available by the next meeting.

Bob Van Bramer, as President of Pottsgrove Little League, wanted to express his appreciation to John Fogel and his crew for the hard work in preparing the little league fields for the season.

There being no further business to discuss, Bob Van Bramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Troutman seconded. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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