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Lower Pottsgrove Township Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, May 24, 2021

The regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation meeting was held Monday, May 24, 2021. The following were in attendance:

Bob Van Bramer
Dennis Cimino
Pat Mazeski
Thomas C. Troutman

Joe Zlomek
Bill Keohane, PAARC representative

Tom Orlando, Resident
Patricia McCloskey, PARRC
Susan Kraynik, Township staff

Joe Zlomek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Zlomek asked the Board if everyone had time to read the minutes from the March and April meetings, then called for a motion to accept. Upon motion of Pat Mazeski, seconded by Dennis Cimino, the minutes of the March 22, 2021, and April 26, 2021 meetings were approved.

Tricia McCloskey introduced herself as the new representative to PARRC (Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee), replacing the recently retired Michael Lane. Ms. McCloskey told the Board about her background and stated that she would be working with all the communities in PARRC for obtaining grants and to streamline projects. Joe Zlomek welcomed her on behalf of the Board. Discussion was held about the recent proposed updates to the Sanatoga Park bandshell area.

Mr. Orlando stated that he had recently applied to be a member of the Parks and Recreation Board, and discussed his background as a photographer, realtor, driver, and lifetime member of the Fire Companies. Mr. Zlomek welcomed Mr. Orlando's involvement, and said he would talk to him in greater length about the duties of the Board at a later time.

Ms. Kraynik reported that another applicant, to the Parks and Recreation Board, Tyler Tyson, could not make it tonight due to a scheduling conflict, but is very interested in serving.

Sue Kraynik reported that her last day with Lower Pottsgrove Township will be June 11, 2021. She expressed her thanks to the Board for welcoming her and for all the help with the Parks and Recreation projects and events. Mr. Zlomek and the Board thanked Ms. Kraynik for her dedication and that she will be missed.

Sue Kraynik reported that the parking lot at Gerald Richards Park will not be open by Memorial Day, as had been hoped. Due to lack of rain, the grass is not growing, and the parking lot will not be available until it has grown in. Tom Troutman suggested that the Fire Department water the seed due to the lack of recent rains. Mr. Troutman also noted that the athletic fields at Sanatoga Park are turning brown and suggested that the sprinklers be turned on. Mr. Keohane asked if the final inspection and payment to the contractor had been made. Ms. Kraynik stated that she would check with Ed Wagner and report back. He further questioned whether Ms. McCloskey should be present when the final inspection is made.

Sue Kraynik reported that the bids for Phase 2 & 3 for improvements to Gerald Richards Park will go out shortly. She reminded the Board that this phase includes new practice fields, t-ball field re-grading and ADA access to the trail.

Sue Kraynik reported on the recent Fish Rodeo. She stated that while there was a low turnout, the residents who participated were enthusiastic and grateful for the program. It was noted that there were 4 other fishing programs held on the same day, adding to the low turnout. Mr. Troutman stated that when it was held at Sanatoga Lake more children could be accommodated due to a larger area. Ms. McCloskey questioned whether the Fish Rodeo could be coordinated with Pottstown Borough for next year, perhaps splitting the ages between them. This will be explored for the 2022 event. Ms. Kraynik also thanked Bob Van Bramer for helping the participants fish in the creek, Dennis Cimino for supplying the snacks, and Tom Troutman and Pat Mazeski for attending.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Summer Concerts. Mr. Troutman mention that in the past they were advertised on the Fire Department and Township electronic boards, Facebook, and the Township website. He suggested that perhaps Cutillo's restaurant and Sunnybrook Ballroom would advertise on their electronic boards as well. Mr. Troutman also requested copies of the schedule to distribute. Ms. McCloskey requested that she receive information on the concerts so she could share it as well.

There being no upcoming business for the Board, Ms. Kraynik questioned whether it was necessary to schedule the June or July meetings. Mr. Zlomek stated that he would speak with Ed Wagner to discuss the matter.

Mr. Zlomek thanked Sue Kraynik for her work with the Township and the Parks and Recreation Board and wished her well with her move.

There being no further business to discuss, Dennis Cimino made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Tom Troutman seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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