

Township of Lower
Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes

Thursday February 19, 2015

Lower Township Recreation Center, Conference Room

Call to Order by Deb Johns 7:05 pm

Members In Attendance: Deb Johns, Bruce Fournier, Steve Morey, David Pacevich, Michael Laing, Rob Lomoreaux, Lonnie Bedell Jr, Mark DiDonato

Not In Attendance:

Excused: Mitchell Plenn

Unexcused: N/A

Also in attendance: Colleen Crippen

Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2015

Motion to Accept- Lonnie Bedell Jr Second- Mark DiDonato

All in agreement/Approved

New Business:

Colleen Crippen discussed granting process, active and potential grants. She also answered RAB questions.

Q. Steve Morey, Does Lower Township have any plans to apply for an Open Space grant this year? A. Colleen Crippen, We currently have two active Open Space grants 1) Bike Path 2) Playground Equipment. Q. Steve, are we eligible to apply? A C.C. Yes, we would be eligible, however it would be good to close out/complete one of the two projects.

Q. Deb Johns, Are there any project grants available at this time? A. C.C. SJ Gas has a grant which works by lottery. \$1,000 Game On Grants they basically just pick out of a hat.

Discussion ensued on acquisition of land for possible use as soccer fields. There are several ideas on the table, the exchange of State Land for Township Land seems to have hit a road block since the state is asking for a 3/1 exchange. 3x township area for 1x state. Steve

commented we need a strategy to pursue future projects. We should get Town Manager involved. Motion made by Steve Morey to pursue land swap for playing fields, 2nd by Mike Laing. all in favor, approved.

Q. Deb Johns, does Colleen have any suggestions. A. C.C. nothing other than what township & RAB are already doing. Comment by Steve, maybe after two projects are complete we do artificial turf on Bennett field. This was previously discussed as a way to limit damage to real grass surface do to overuse.

Old Business:

- 1) Discussion of updating Beach Rules and Regulations: Mark made a motion to submit updated beach rules to manager for review. 2nd by Lonnie Bedell Jr. Steve Morey abstained. All others in favor.
- 2) Pool discussion: Rob is still working on getting info. Will report at next RAB meeting.
- 3) Playful City: David and Peter Ford have worked hard on this project. RAB appreciate their efforts. At this point, David reports the application is about complete. He needs a letter from local organization showing support. Lonnie and Steve are members and will ask Optimist to write letter. Bruce will submit photos of museum showing community activity with children. All statistics will be reviewed and application will be submitted. We should find out results by May.

Public Comment:

N/A

Superintendent's Report

See Attached

Remarks for Good of the Order

David, Congrats to female LCMR athlete High Jumper State Champ at 5'2" Quinn Bithell Mike, Safety of Beach Drive sidewalks/street area still a problem. Roadway closest to Bay is down to about 6' clearance. Steve, very encouraged about possible land acquisition for use as soccer fields.

Motion to adjourn 8:09pm

Motion-Lonnie Bedell Jr

Second- Mark DiDonato

Next RAB Meeting Thursday March 19, 2015

Chairman's Signature: _____

Secretary's Signature: _____

Date Approved: _____