

Township of Lower
Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes

Thursday February 20, 2014

Lower Township Recreation Center, Conference Room

Call to Order by Mark DiDonato 7:05pm

In Attendance: Steve Morey, Mitchell Plenn, Mark DiDonato, Bruce Fournier, Lonnie Bedell Jr., Michael Laing, Luke Gegan, Eileen Kreis

Not In Attendance: excused, David Pacevich , Deb Johns

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2014

Motion to Accept-Mike Laing Second- Lonnie Bedell

All in agreement

New Business

- 1) Steve Morey coordinated a review of the master plan. Steve handed out a comprehensive revision of the Beach Drive/Shore Drive Public Access Improvement Project. The four additional projects and their order of importance to RAB were reviewed. Also discussed was the viability/reality of each project in terms of finances and planning. DE Bay Public Access is the most viable "shovel ready" project. Eileen suggested RAB go to council with this proposal. Eileen and Steve will try to get RAB/Public Access project on the agenda for next council meeting 3/3/14.

Motion was made by Mike Laing for RAB to recommend this project be submitted for next Open Space granting period. Second-Bruce Fournier

Old Business

- 1) Mitch provided an update on possible land swap between township and state. Mitch has been in touch with state via email and it looks promising. Mark asked a timeframe for possible field development. Mitch said Fall is possible. Steve asked if there are multiple properties being considered. Mitch explained that there are multiple options however; the focus is on the DPW/Bennett 1-1 swap.

- 2) Mark continued discussion on overall Master Plan. Mitch provided RAB with detailed summary of all activities. Bike Path extension from Zoo to CMLF was reviewed. Multiphase Beach Drive/sidewalk and road improvements were again reviewed. Steve asked why an application for Bike Path extension was made without RAB consultation. Mitch explained that was handled by grants coordinator.
- 3) Mitch provided an update on triathlon registration. Going strong, expecting 1,500 participants. Kid's race added to Saturday. Steve mentioned that Scott Green recently spoke at a Chamber lunch and was very complimentary of the new partnerships between Lower Township, DRBA, Airport and Ferry.
- 4) Superintendent's Report: Mitch- Basketball is winding down; spring registrations in full swing, soccer, lacrosse etc...4 concerts scheduled at Ferry, Adult Basketball heading in to playoffs...no incidents. Beach volleyball pit at JH complex, work on playground updates and ADA bathrooms has commenced.

Remarks for Good of the Order

Bruce-thanked Steve for doing the leg work/research on Beach Drive project.

Motion to Adjourn 8:15pm

Motion- Bruce Fournier

Second- Mike Laing

Next RAB Meeting Thursday March 20, 2014