

Director's Report for Pottsgrove Recreation Board

June 17, 2025

Swimming Lessons

Summer Swim classes will begin 6/23 and we have 25 registered so far.

Youth Basketball/Adult Volleyball/Country Line Dancing

These programs will resume after Labor Day.

No More Excuses Walk Club

We have a small group of walkers each Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Community Band Schedule for Summer

Monday, June 2 - Manatawny Manor, Pottstown – canceled due to a covid outbreak at the facility.

Monday, June 9. - SE Veterans Center, Spring City – went well.

Monday, June 16 - Keystone Villa, Douglassville – haven't heard from Bruce yet.

Monday, July 7 - Zion United Church of Christ

Monday, July 14 - Chestnut Knoll, Boyertown

Monday, July 21 - Frederick Living, Zieglerville

Sunday, August 3 - Sanatoga Park, Lower Pottsgrove

All concerts begin at 7pm with the exception of Sanatoga which begins at 6pm. I will provide Ice Cream for the Sanatoga Park Concert again this year.

Summer Playground

Getting to the first day of **Summer Playground 2025** wasn't easy — but we did it, and it's already shaping up to be an incredible season!

From navigating **construction at Lower Pottsgrove Elementary** and **WPT Park**, to a surprise rate increase at the pool (from \$6 to \$10 per child), to **multiple date and location changes** with vendors, and even the cancellation of our first pool day — there were plenty of obstacles to overcome. But thanks to a team of counselors, our supportive families, and our sponsors — we finally made it!

We have **170 children registered**, with **129 in attendance on Day 1** and **131 on Day 2** — a fantastic start!

Despite offering 3 car sign pickup dates, many families still needed to complete paperwork and pick up materials on Day 1. To make that transition smoother, we began welcoming families at **8:45 AM** and started dismissal at **11:45 AM**. Thank you to everyone for your **patience and flexibility** during the first-day learning curve.

Facility Challenges:

Though we were told the gym wall between the main and auxiliary space would be finished before our start date, it wasn't. Instead, we arrived to a completely cleared gym and — by Day 2 — found a custodian painting drywall in the gym. While it wasn't ideal, we adjusted on the fly, requested the divider be dropped, and **made the best of the space**. It worked out better than expected, and the kids adapted beautifully.

Shout-Out to Our Staff & Families:

Drop-off and pick-up each take about **30 minutes**, and we're proud of how smoothly they've gone so far.

Our counselors have been incredible — working together seamlessly — and families have expressed **nothing but gratitude** for the organization and flow.

And none of this would be possible without our sponsors.

Thanks to the generosity of **local businesses and community partners**, we were able to cover transportation, field trips, supplies, and even provide **partial and full scholarships to several families**. This year's sponsors were Pottsgrove School District, Lower, West & Upper Pottsgrove Township, Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation, Schuylkill River Greenways, the Challenger at Montco, and two new sponsors; **The Book Boys** and **MBMS** – both stepped in to help with partial scholarships for **6 children who couldn't have attended without this help!**

Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

I am having some trouble getting approval for the Small Games License through the county. They cannot find us in the IRS database and I haven't heard anything back since last week. I need to followup again.

Upper Pottsgrove Community Day – September 27th

They will be donating the proceeds to Adventure Grove Inclusive Playground.

Worker's Compensation Audit

The audit is done and everything went smoothly.

Next meeting will be August 14, 2025, 6:30pm via Zoom