

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – AUGUST 3, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Fuller, Chair
Jason VanDame
Carrie Hawkins-Charlton
Carl W. Saldutti, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Henning
Debra Kline
Mayor Szekely

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Meeting started at 8:15 pm. Mr. VanDame arrived at 8:20 pm following the Administration and Finance Meeting.

1. MEETING MINUTES

The Committee in a 2-0 vote approved the minutes from the July 6, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

2. REQUESTS

- A.** Bridge Community Church, Upper Gwynedd requests the use of Wedgewood Park for a free community event from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, August 12, 2016. The event will consist of small carnival games, basketball shooting contests, Information booths, music by a DJ, prepackaged treats. The Committee voted 3-0 to approve the request subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough as Additional Insured.
- B.** Charles Bogardus of Lansdale requested that consideration be given to lining two tennis courts at Memorial Park to accommodate pickle ball. Mr. Saldutti informed the Committee that this court sport is growing in popularity and that many other P&R Departments have lined existing tennis courts for this purpose. It was noted that once an existing tennis court is lined for pickle ball that court can accommodate both tennis and pickle ball. The Committee voted 3-0 to approve the request and asked that this be carried out by the department.

3. PROGRAMS

Mr. Saldutti provided an update on programs presently in progress and informed Committee that the office is accepting registration for a number of upcoming programs and activities. Additionally, he reminded the Committee that the rained out June 28 concert by Craig Thatcher Band will be held tomorrow evening, August 4 @ 7:00 pm.

4. LANSDALE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Mr. Saldutti reported that all the component parts for this year's Festival are in place and the office is finalizing the contents of the program book. Joanne Grubb was acknowledged for all her efforts in putting the pieces together for the August 27 event as was seasonal office worker, Kim Kariofillis for her efforts in generating new ads for the program book.

5. FOUNDERS DAY

The Department continues to assist in the planning for the event. Ms. Fuller expressed her excitement for the day's events which will include the opening ceremony and the Lifetime Achievement Award, Lansdale Festival of the Arts, Health Fair by the PennSuburban Chamber of Commerce, fire company water battle, open houses and more. From 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm live music, beer garden, remote cars, mini-golf and fireworks at 9:00 pm.

6. FIRST FRIDAY

Everyone is looking forward to First Friday on Friday, August 5. As always, music on Wood Street and at Railroad Plaza, food vendors, information booths and classic cars. The parks & recreation department will have an information table at the Plaza.

7. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

In addition to the routine park maintenance and work around the swimming pools the staff has assisted with community events and the set-up and tear-down of tables, chairs, tents, etc. for the annual history camp at the Jenkins Homestead.

8. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL

To date, the operating budget continues to track according to plan. Work has begun on preparing the 2017 budget. Mr. Saldutti gave some examples of interdepartmental, cost effective purchasing such as uniforms, fuel and fuel oil, chlorine, trash removal, medical supplies, mowing, etc.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Liberty Bell Trail - Still waiting for Jim Moulton to sign off on the Right of Way and Maintenance Agreement. Once this is done, DVRPC will be notified and shortly thereafter the project can go out to bid.
- B. Skatepark – Again, the Committee in a 3-0 vote approved Fourth Street Park for the site of the skatepark. Mr. Saldutti reminded the Committee that paperwork and documentation must be completed and forwarded to DCNR in order to keep secure the \$220,000 in grant funds. Additionally, he reminded them of the dollar for dollar match requirement which Equus has committed if the Madison Redevelopment project becomes a reality. Ms. Fuller intends to hold an open meeting to discuss the new skatepark as well as to discuss the status of the Wedgewood skate spot. The date to be determined.
- C. Memorial Park Grandstand Update – RVB continues their work on preparing the detailed specifications and bid package for the renovation project. Chris Fazio of RVB has outlined a tentative schedule which is as follows: October – bid package ready for review and advertisement, November-received sealed bids, December – award of contract, January – start of construction – May (2017) project completed.
- D. Eagle Scout Recognition - Mr. Saldutti will invite two Eagle Scouts, Bryan Schaeber and Nathaniel Maier, to a Council meeting to be recognized for their projects in our park system.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bill Henning of Discover Lansdale requested the use of Railroad Plaza for the 6th annual Cruise Night on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm with a rain date of Saturday, September 24. The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the request subject the Borough's receipt and approval of a certificate of insurance naming Lansdale Borough as Additional Insured. This will now be placed before Council for their consideration at their August 24 business meeting.
- B. Bill Henning also suggested that the timer for the Memorial Park tennis court lights be equipped with a switching mechanism so that the courts are not being lit when no one is using the courts. Mr. Saldutti will have discussion with our Electric Department to determine the feasibility of accomplishing this
- C. Mayor Szekely - The Mayor asked the Committee to consider a full day or two day music festival for the White's Road Park Amphitheatre. This idea will be discussed and considered for next year.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2016 @ 8:00 pm

Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A