

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Bruce Schwartz
Helen Schwartz
Chris Millheim

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. MEETING MINUTES

No formal action was taken on the December minutes due to the new makeup of the committee. The minutes were verified as being accurate by Mary Fuller, the Chair and only returning Committee member.

2. REQUESTS

A. The Committee approved Mr. Saldutti's request for authorization to schedule Memorial Park's Weaver Field for the 2016 spring, summer, and fall baseball seasons. A Motion will be placed before Council at their February 17 Business Meeting.

3. PROGRAMS

A. Mr. Saldutti reported that the December 21 Charlie Brown Christmas Concert by the Eric Mintel Quartet was excellent and very well attended. He thanked the North Penn School District for providing the venue and thanked their support staff for all their cooperation and assistance.

B. The department is accepting registration for the following programs/camps/classes:

- Pysanky Workshops – March 12
- Annual Egg Hunt – March 19
- Gardening Class (Successful Plan Selection) – March 21
- Kids Karate Class – February 29
- T-Ball Program
- Summer Playground Program
- GeoVentures
- Science Camps
- Youth & Adult Golf Lessons

C. Performing Arts – Presently, the department is reviewing biographical and promo information on acts that are interested in performing at this year's White's Road Park Series.

D. LEGO Program – The department is looking into offering a weekly drop-in LEGO program. Further details to come.

4. FOUNDERS DAY

The Founders Day Committee continues their planning for the 6th annual Founders Day which is scheduled for Saturday, August 27. The Committee is looking to add a few new attractions and looking at ways to have greater involvement by our local restaurants. More updates coming.

5. FIRST FRIDAY

An unofficial kick-off event with the Chamber is planned for Thursday, February 11 at the Municipal Building. This year, First Friday will be held from May through December.

6. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The department's maintenance staff prepared the Stony Creek Pond for the ice skating season, and they have been extremely busy with snow removal. The department's snow removal protocol is to remove snow from the priority sites within the parks system i.e., heavily traveled sidewalks, school routes, parks & recreation office, and key parking lots within the system. The staff then assists the public works department with their snow removal efforts. Committee suggested that the snow removal priority sites be listed on our webpages.

7. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL

Mr. Saldutti reviewed with Committee the top priorities in the department's capital projects plan. The top priorities include the following: Skatepark; Renovations to the Memorial Park Grandstand; Reroofing of the parks maintenance garage; Renovations to Railroad Plaza; Renovations to White's Road Park Playground. The Committee agreed to continue to move the Memorial Park Grandstand project forward.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – Mr. Saldutti is working with Nathaniel Maier on his community project. Nathaniel's project consists of creating informational signage for the two cannons in Memorial Park.
- B. MEMORIAL PARK GRANDSTAND PROJECT – Administration & Finance Committee will be addressing the renovation project to see where it fits into the Borough's global capital projects plan if the project is recommended to move forward by the Committee.
- C. LIBERTY BELL TRAIL - Mr. Saldutti provided a report on the status of the Borough's request to DVRPC to move the \$160,820 in Regional Trails funding to a section of the Liberty Bell Trail that would run through and adjacent to the Andale Green Development for a distance of approximately 1,700 LF. This section of trail would then connect to the section of trail proposed to be built from the Andale Green property line to Main Street. Additionally, the Borough has requested an extension of time to draw down the funds and complete the project. Mr. Saldutti will inform Committee of DVRPC's decision.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2 @ 8:00 PM

Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A