

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – March 2, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Tracy Flynn

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**1. MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the minutes from the February 2, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

**2. REQUESTS**

- A. St. John's United Church of Christ request to use White's Road Park on Sunday, March 27, 2016 from 6:30 am to 8:30 am for their annual Easter Sunrise Service was approved 3-0. A motion will be placed before Council at the March 16<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.
- B. North Penn United Way request the use of a Borough park for a fundraiser kickball tournament. Committee agreed to have Mr. Saldutti work with the group in finding a suitable location for the event. Mr. Saldutti suggested either Moyer's Road ball field or Fourth Street Park for the event. Mr. Saldutti will report back with his recommendation for Committee action at the next meeting.

**3. PROGRAMS**

- A. Karate for Kids – The first class of the twelve week program started on Monday evening with eight children enrolled in the program.
- A. Pysanky Workshops – Both the morning and the afternoon sessions are filling up. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 12.
- B. Annual Egg Hunt – Registration is ongoing for the program. The hunt will be held on Saturday, March 19 at White's Road Park. Many local businesses have contributed to the program.
- C. Bicycle Safety Program – The department in cooperation with our Police Department and the Pedaller Bike Shop will conduct the annual program on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at White's Road Park. Bicycles will be inspected and minor adjustments made by Brett Hendricks of Pedaller, free helmets will be distributed to each child (as supplies last), police will oversee the skills course. A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, May 14.

**4. NEWSLETTER**

Work is progressing on the department's newsletter. A number of programs need to be finalized before it can be completed. It is anticipated that the newsletter will be in our resident's hands mid to late April.

**5. FOUNDERS DAY**

Planning is ongoing for the August 27<sup>th</sup> event. Ms. Fuller is working with SEPTA on the train piece, the FD Committee is working on enhancing the 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm time slot, and ideas on this year's theme are being discussed.

**6. FIRST FRIDAY**

As a reminder, this year's program gets underway on Friday, May 6.

**7. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

The maintenance staff remains busy with general cleanup of park areas, preparing the annual Egg Hunt at White's Road Park, and working on the deck furniture for the pools.

**8. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL**

Capital expenditures for the upcoming pool season include an Aqua Climb unit for White's Road Pool, the expansion of the grass area and the purchase of a Wibit for Fourth Street Pool. Additionally, the operating budget remains on track.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. MEMORIAL PARK GRANDSTAND PROJECT – The department will continue to look for grant opportunities that fund the renovation of existing park amenities.
- B. LIBERTY BELL TRAIL - The Borough received DVRPC approval to shift the \$160,820 in grant funds to the portion of trail to be constructed starting on E. Hancock Street and the Andale Green entrance and running north parallel to the SEPTA rail line. Additionally, an extension of time to complete the project was granted to 12/31/16.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. TreeVitalize Grant - The Borough is in receipt of the TreeVitalize grant check in the amount of \$4,741.87. Mr. Saldutti reminded Committee that the TreeVitalize planting project was a joint effort involving parks & recreation, public works, and the wastewater treatment plant.
- B. Weaver Field Scheduling – Due to the demand for the use of Weaver Field Mr. Saldutti recommended opening of early Sunday morning time slots. Mr. Saldutti will report back to Committee.
- C. Borough Owned Pools – There was discussion relative to maintaining consistency between the White's Road Pool and the Fourth Street Pool relating to permitted activities during recreation swimming. Mr. Saldutti will discuss this with the pool management to insure consistency.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016 @ 8:00 PM

**Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A**