

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – April 6, 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 March 2, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

2. REQUESTS

- A. North Penn United Way request to use Fourth Street Park for a kickball tournament fundraiser on Saturday, May 7 from noon to 6 pm was approved 3-0 subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of the appropriate certificate of insurance.
- B. Keystone Community Fellowship Church request to use Fourth Street Park for a Community Day event on Wednesday, July 27 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm was approved 3-0 subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of the appropriate certificate of insurance. The event, free and open to the public, will consist of gaga pit, mini golf, field games and refreshments.

3. PROGRAMS

Mr. Saldutti provided information on department sponsored programs:

- A. Yoga, Zumba and Line Dancing – New sessions are in progress.
- B. Art Classes – Print Making Class is underway.
- C. Gardening Classes – The March 21st program was well attended and very successful. The next program, Container Gardening, is scheduled for Monday, April 18 and the last spring class, The Rain Garden, is scheduled for Monday, May 16. The Montgomery County Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Speakers Bureau is our program partner.
- D. Annual Egg Hunt – This year's hunt, which held on Saturday, March 19, was well attended and very successful. The department thanks all contributors to the program.
- E. Pysanky Workshops – Two sessions were held on Saturday March 12. The department recognized the program instructors, Renee DiDomizio and Anne Piercy.

4. NEWSLETTER

The department's spring/summer newsletter is at the printer at this time and is expected to be in the mail to our residents mid to late April.

5. FOUNDERS DAY

The Founders Day Committee is actively planning the events for this year's Founders Day, Saturday, August 27. Train excursions will be part of the festivities as will music, food trucks, moon bounce, race car, tours, Festival of the Arts, fireworks, opening ceremony and Lifetime Achievement Award.

6. FIRST FRIDAY

The kick-off event is scheduled for Friday, May 6 from 6 pm to 9 pm.

7. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The maintenance staff was busy top dressing the stone dust trail in Stony Creek Park, replenishing the playground chips in all playgrounds, preparing ball fields and working on the swimming pool facilities.

8. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL

The operating budget is tracking normally. The entire list of borough wide capital projects was presented to the Committee. There was some discussion on the top priority projects in parks and recreation.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Liberty Bell Trail - DVRPC has approved the shifting of the grant money to that section of trail running through the Andale Green subdivision subject to the execution of an Easement Agreement and Maintenance Agreement. The Developer has indicated his desire to comply with the above as well as providing a monetary contribution to the Borough.
- B. Skatepark – Mr. Saldutti informed the Committee that following an onsite assessment of the available space within and around Schweiker Park, the administrative staff of Hatfield Township and the Borough staff feel it would not be feasible to construct the skatepark at this facility. Further, the Borough's administrative staff is performing a site evaluation, assessment and ranking of the best sites based on recognized criteria. Mr. Saldutti will report back to Committee once this process is completed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Weaver Field – The Committee agreed to open up the 9:00 am Sunday morning game slot at Weaver Field. This will be revisited should the department receive any complaints from the neighborhood.
- B. Stony Creek Park Playground – Based on the recommendation of a Committee member, the department will look into adding to the playground another adult seating bench.
- C. Memorial Day Service at Memorial Park – The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the use of Memorial Park for the annual Memorial Day Service, sponsored by the local VFW, on Monday, May 30. This authorization will be presented to Council by the Public Safety Committee along with the approval of street closures for the Memorial Day Parade.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2016 @ 8:00 PM

Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A