

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – May 4, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Tracy Flynn
Bryan Poster
Marnie Basick
Barbara Grote

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. MEETING MINUTES

The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the minutes from the April 6, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

2. REQUESTS

- A. Memorial Park – The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved Ms. Samantha Grebe’s request to conduct her wedding ceremony in Memorial Park on Saturday, June 25 from approximately 3:45 PM to 5:00 PM. A motion will be placed before Council at their May 18 Business Meeting.
- B. Railroad Plaza – The Committee in a 3-0 vote authorized the use of Railroad Plaza by the Lansdale Swim and Dive Team for their annual comb sale fundraiser on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. A motion will be placed before Council at their May 18 Business Meeting.

3. PROGRAMS

- A. Lansdale Festival of the Arts – The jury for this year’s Festival was held Saturday, April 30. As the result, a total of eighty-four artists and crafters were accepted into the Festival.
- B. Bicycle Safety Program – This year’s event will be held at White’s Road Park on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. This program is cosponsored by the Lansdale Police Department with assistance from the Pedaller Bike Shop.
- C. T-Ball Program - The department sponsored T-Ball program gets underway on Saturday, May 7. This year we have five teams and a total of sixty two children in the program.
- D. Tot Soccer – The Tot Soccer program is in session; however two of the first three weeks were cancelled due to weather. These cancelled dates will be made up at the end of the session.
- E. Concert Series – This year’s Concert Series kicks off Tuesday, May 31 with a concert by the North Penn High School Jazz Ensembles.
- F. Movie in the Park – Our first movie, Inside Out, will be shown on Friday, May 20 at dusk.
- G. Montgomery County Senior Games – The Senior Games will be held the week of May 9 at various locations throughout the County. Mr. Saldutti will again supervise the indoor basketball competition on Thursday, May 12 at the BuxMont Athletic Club.

4. SWIMMING POOLS

Pool membership registration is ongoing with the following dates set up for photo registration: Friday, May 20, Saturday, May 21, Monday, May 23, Friday, June 10, Saturday, June 11 and Monday, June 13. Friday and Mondays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. White’s Road

Pool opens on Saturday, May 28 and will be open weekends only until June 11 at which time both the White's Road Pool and the Fourth Street Pool will open daily. Note: Due to a USA Swimming long course swim meet at the White's Road Pool on Sunday, June 5 recreation swimming will be available at the Fourth Street Pool on that day.

5. NEWSLETTER

The department's annual spring/summer newsletter is out to our residents.

6. FOUNDERS DAY

The planning committee continues to meet and discuss the activities and program for this year's event.

7. FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, May 6, First Friday will be the kick-off event for 2016 season.

8. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The maintenance staff remains busy preparing pools and pool buildings for the upcoming swimming season. Additionally, they are mowing park sites as weather permits.

9. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL

The operating budget is tracking normally for this time of year. On the capital side, Mr. Saldutti has requested of Chris Fazio a proposal for engineering services for the Memorial Park Weaver Field grandstand renovation project.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Liberty Bell Trail - The Borough and Jim Moulton of Moulton Builders have been discussing the Easement and Maintenance Agreements for the stretch of the Liberty Bell Trail that will be constructed through the Andale Green subdivision. At this point it appears that both Moulton and the Borough have come to an understanding as to the content of the Agreements. This should be before Council for action at their May 18 Business Meeting.

B. Skatepark – The Committee reviewed potential sites for the proposed skatepark. The review included the evaluation of a number of factors such as available parking, impact on neighborhood, foot/bike access, visibility, proximity to other park elements, proximity to other businesses and primary users, etc. The Committee will continue this exercise to determine the location for the park.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks & Recreation Software - Mr. Saldutti informed the Committee that Borough staff is reviewing software for application in the parks and recreation department. The software will provide many benefits including but not limited to on line program registration and payment, facility reservations, field and facility scheduling, updated method for pool membership registration and admission tracking plus more.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016 @ 8:00 PM

Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A