

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – June 1, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Fuller, Chair
Jason VanDame (8:15 PM)
Carrie Hawkins-Charlton
Carl W. Saldutti, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT:

Bryan & Jennifer Wesley, Tyler Dietterich,
Tyler Velez, Miranda DeSantis, Evan Breder
Doug & Abe Gugger, Patrick McCullion,
Sean Khathauong, Denise Redinger, Dan Trauger,
Amanda Fort, Mahobub Hassain, Abu
Chowdhurg, Andre Carranza, Sameer Carrison

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. MEETING MINUTES

The Committee in a 2-0 vote approved the minutes from the May 4, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

- 2. DISCUSSION ON SKATEPARK** - Inasmuch as there were approximately fifteen individuals at the meeting to discuss the skatepark, this item listed under old business was moved up on the agenda. The group was made up of teens, young adults, and a few parents all of whom have an interest in the skatepark project. There was much discussion regarding size, construction material, elements, timeline, location, etc. Many offered their recommendations/suggestions on the aforementioned items. Additionally, some in the group expressed a desire to keep Wedgewood as a skating location moving forward. There will be additional discussion and meetings as plans are developed and finalized for the proposed skatepark as well as on the Wedgewood site.

3. REQUESTS - None

4. PROGRAMS

The following programs and activates were highlighted:

- A. Movie in the Park –The first installment, Inside Out, was held on Friday, May 20 and was very well attended. Approximately 600 were in attendance.
- B. White’s Road Park Concert Series – The music series kicked off last evening, May 31, with a performance by the NPHS Jazz ensembles, The Navy Jazz Band and The Columbia Jazz Band. The music, weather and crowd all were excellent.
- C. Bicycle Safety Program - The program was held on Saturday, May 7 at White’s Road Park. Thanks to the Parks and Rec staff, Officer Matt Erberle and the Lansdale Police Department, and the Pedaller Bike shop for their participation and help in making the program a success. All participants had their bikes inspected and registered, went through a bicycle skills course, received a free helmet, and enjoyed refreshments.
- D. White’s Road Swimming Pool – The pool opened Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) May 28, 29 & 30. Weather was warm and attendance was good with an average of 500 per day. Note: A US long course swim meet will be held on Sunday, June 5.

5. FOUNDERS DAY

Ms. Fuller provided an update and reminded the Committee that the nomination period is open for this year’s Lifetime Achievement Award. The nomination deadline is June 30. Nominations can be submitted through the Discover Lansdale website.

6. FIRST FRIDAY

June's First Friday is coming up this Friday, June 3. Plenty of activities and vendors at Railroad Plaza and Wood Street. Performing this month, Where's Pete on Wood Street and Jeff Lohan at Railroad plaza.

7. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

As always, the department's maintenance staff remains busy mowing, pruning, mulching, assisting with department sponsored programs and preparing Fourth Street Pool for recreational swimming on Sunday, June 5.

8. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL

The operating budget is tracking normally. Under capital, the Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the engineering proposal submitted by Remington, Vernick & Beach for the renovations to the Memorial Park Weaver Field grandstand. The proposal, which had been reviewed prior, includes but is not limited to the preparation of detailed specs and plans, pre-bid meeting, review of bids submitted and contractors, recommendation for contract award, project oversight and inspections, review of contractor invoicing, final inspection, and recommendation to accept the completed project. A motion will be placed before Council at their meeting on Wednesday, June 15.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Liberty Bell Trail - Presently waiting for the Easement and Maintenance Agreement to be executed by Jim Moulton of Moulton Builders. Additionally, the detailed plans and specs are being prepared by Pennoni. The project remains on track for completion this year.

B. Skatepark – See Item 2 above.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. MS4 –TMDL Strategy Report – There was very brief discussion on the recently completed Strategy Report. Essentially, the report outlines strategies to handle future mandated storm water management issues. A presentation will be given to Council at their next business meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04 PM

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

Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A