

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – JULY 6, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ross Becker  
Dan Sokel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mary Fuller, Chair

**1. MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee in a 2-0 vote approved the minutes from the June 1, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

**2. REQUESTS - None**

**3. PROGRAMS**

Mr. Saldutti reviewed the status of programs currently in session including all Aquatic Programs, Summer Playground Program, Golf Clinics, White's Road Park Concert and Performing Arts Series. Additionally, the department is accepting registration for upcoming programs; i.e., Science Camps, GeoVenture Camp, Lego Club and Tennis Clinics. Note: The Craig Thatcher Concert, rained out 2 years in a row, has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 4 @ 7 pm.

**4. LANSDALE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

All preliminary work on the Festival is in full motion. Exhibitors have been selected, food vendors have been invited, cash award sponsors and advertisers are being solicited. Additionally, a Motion to use Memorial Park for the Festival on Saturday, August 27 was approved 2-0. It will be placed before Council for their consideration at their meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

**5. FOUNDERS DAY**

The Founders Day Committee continues to meet and plan for this year's Founders Day celebration. The nomination period for this year's Lifetime Achievement Award is now closed. The Lifetime Achievement Award Committee will convene later this month to vote on this year's award recipient.

**6. FIRST FRIDAY**

The July First Friday was cancelled due to an unfavorable weather forecast. The August First Friday is scheduled for Friday, August 5. Parks & Recreation will again participate with an information table at Railroad Plaza.

**7. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

The maintenance staff remains busy taking care of the swimming pools, tree pruning and limb clean up as well as providing support for department sponsored events and activities. Mr. Saldutti also thanked Andy Krause and the Electric Department for their assistance in hanging new boundary netting at Moyers Road ball field and Memorial Park's Weaver Field.

## **8. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL**

The current operating budget is in line with our spending projections. On the capital side, Council at their meeting of June 15, 2016 approved RVB's proposal for engineering services for the Weaver Field renovation project in the amount of \$28,640. Further, this renovation project will be paid for through the Borough's capital budget. Mr. Saldutti shared with Committee the department's methodology as it relates to purchasing and spending. The department's purchasing is consistent with the Borough's purchasing policy, State and Federal mandating requirements. Further, we seek competitive pricing for most all purchases and we do purchase locally when it is cost effective and efficient to do so. Purchases that require initial and/or ongoing support service tend to be purchased locally. Working with other Borough departments we look to achieve economy of scale where possible.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Liberty Bell Trail - In regard to the stretch of trail being funded through the DVRPC administered Regional Trails Grant Program (the stretch starting at Stoney Creek Park and running through the Andale Green Townhouse project), the plans and specs and being finalized by Penonni at this time. The needed Easement and Maintenance Agreement has yet to be finalized or executed but is moving towards completion.

As it relates to the TAP funded stretch of trail (from the Andale Green property line to Madison Street), all necessary documents, clearances, reports, etc. are being finalized and approved at this time

B. Skatepark – The Committee again reviewed and evaluated various sites for the new skatepark. The consensus of the Committee is that Fourth Street Park best meets the evaluation criteria for the placement of the skatepark with 9<sup>th</sup> Street location as a distant second. The location needs to be finalized soon in order to move the project forward and insure DCNR funding remains in place.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 PM**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2016 @ 8:00 PM

**Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A**