

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Rita Rubins, Mike & MaryEllen Schattman,  
William Agnew, Kate Sullivan, Neil Migliaccio,  
Darlene & Bill Davis, Prudence Silfies,  
Rosella & Andre Burcin, Dave Coyne,  
Virginia & Harold Schoonover, Carol Fazioli,  
Paul Cutijar, Richard Smith

**1. MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the minutes from the October 5, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

**2. REQUESTS**

No special requests submitted for action.

**3. PROGRAMS**

Mr. Saldutti provided his monthly update on programs and activities. Emphasis now on the coming Holiday Events including: Holiday Tree Lighting on Friday December 2 @ 6:00 pm @ Railroad Plaza; TubaChristmas Concert on Sunday, December 4 @ 2:00 pm @ Railroad Plaza; Charlie Brown Christmas Concert by the Eric Mintel on Monday, December 19 @ 7:00 pm at Pennedale Auditorium; Hanukkah Celebration on Monday, December 26 @ 6:00 pm at Railroad Plaza; Santa House on Thursdays 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Fridays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:30 am to noon from December 3 through December 23.

Additionally, karate, yoga, Zumba, dance and soccer programs are in session.

**4. FIRST FRIDAY**

November First Friday will be held on November 4 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Most activities will be held in Railroad Plaza. Several hundred individuals will participate in the Zombie Walk up and down Main Street and ending up in Railroad Plaza where awards will be given out in various categories. Also, hundreds will participate in the Thriller Dance. Information tables and food trucks will be on hand.

**5. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

The maintenance staff is busy replacing the main drain valve and associated pipe work to the intermediate pool at White's Road (Note: Justin Smith has been mapping the repair for future reference - thank you to Justin! ) The winterization of facilities continues and the staff assisted in the preparation for Oktoberfest. Additionally, safety pruning was performed along the footpath in White's Road Park.

**6. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL**

The most recent draft of the department's 2017 budget was circulated and Mr. Saldutti briefly discussed the department's projections. He asked the Committee to contact him with any concerns, recommendations, etc.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Liberty Bell Trail - DVRPC's recommendation for a 5" buffer between the trail and the roadway through Andale Green has been accepted by Jim Moulton. Final design and plans are being finalized and they will be submitted to DVRPC for approval. Once approved the project will go out to bid.
- B. Skatepark – A number of residents from the immediate area around the Fourth Street Park were in attendance to express their displeasure with the Committee's decision to build the skatepark at Fourth Street Park. Further, they suggested that other park sites be considered by the Committee. The Committee listened to the residents' concerns and stated they would give consideration to their suggestion but made no commitment to change the location.
- C. Memorial Park Grandstand Project Update - The plans and specs for this restoration project are being reviewed by Mr. Saldutti and by the Borough's Project Manager Chris Kunkle. If found to be satisfactory; the project will go out to bid in this calendar year. Further, all user groups of Weaver Field have been informed of the project. Additionally, they have been asked to remove all their equipment and belonging from the underside storage areas of the grandstand in order to give sufficient working space for the successful contractor.
- D. Penndale's Community Day of Service - The department worked with Penndale Middle School by serving as a host agency for students and teachers involved in their annual Community Day of Service Program. Thirty students and two teachers completed work in Wissahickon Park and in Memorial Park. Half of the group removed annual flowers and groomed the planting beds in Memorial Park while the other group removed the vegetation from the infiltration basins in Wissahickon Park. All in all it was a benefit to the park system and a rewarding experience for the students and teachers. Mr. Saldutti forwarded a note of thanks for their work.
- E. Park Bench Sponsorship/Donation - Based on discussion at last month's Committee meeting, Mr. Saldutti has begun to research the specifics of a park bench sponsorship/donation program and policy. Items to be considered include cost, plaque (size and number of characters), duration, replacement, location and placement, etc. Mr. Saldutti with the assistance of Justin Smith, our GIS Analyst, will locate, inventory and map the existing benches in the park system. Mr. Saldutti will report back on his progress.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. North Penn Valley Girls' Softball Association - Mr. Saldutti reported that he and Ashley O'Neill, Hatfield Township Parks & Recreation Director, met with representative of the NPGSA to discuss future improvements they are hoping to get approval for Schweiker Park. This is for informational purposes only as no formal request in writing has been submitted to date.
- B. Mommy Market - The department will be researching the specifics of running a Mommy Market to see if it is something that could be offered as an event in the future.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:08 PM**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2016 @ 8:00 pm

**Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A**