

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – January 2, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Fuller, Chair
Carrie Hawkins Charlton
Bill Henning
Joanne Grubb
John Ernst

ALSO PRESENT:

BJ Breish
Alan Silfies
Thomas Lloyd

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. MEETING MINUTES

The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

2. REQUESTS

The department requested authorization to schedule Memorial Park's Weaver Field for the upcoming Spring/Summer/Fall season. Committee approved 3-0. Motion will be put before Council for their approval at the January 16 Business Meeting.

3. PROGRAMS

Joanne Grubb reported on the following programs:

- A. Karate – Current session is in progress until January 21 with new session scheduled to begin January 28.
- B. Yoga, Zumba, Motown Line Dancing - New sessions begin the week of January 7.
- C. Bitty Ballet – New session will begin January 29.
- D. Babysitting Class – Second try at offering this class, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 19.
- E. White's Road Park Performing Arts
 - a. Concert Series – The series is booked for 2019.
 - b. Play In The Park – Scheduled for Thursday, July 25.
 - c. Movies – Dates have been submitted to our equipment provider. Waiting to hear back on availability.
- F. T-Ball Program – Registration information will be updated and begin in January.
- G. Lansdale Festival of the Arts – Jury information will be sent out to prospective exhibitors in mid-January. Researching possible juror/judge for this year's festival.

4. SEASONAL STAFF

Emails were sent to last year's staff inviting them back for the 2019 season. Staff has until March 1 to let the department know their plans. New applicants have until March 1 to apply for any open positions. The application is posted on the Borough's web site in the Employment Section.

5. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Maintenance staff remained busy with general park clean-up, assisting with the holiday events, and with tree work in White's Road Park. A number of trees have died due to the Emerald Ash Borer. Staff is working on the trees that they can handle and those they can't we will have get a contractor in. Also, staff is working on replacing all hardware on the swing sets in our park system.

6. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL – no discussion

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Skatepark Update – John Ernst informed Committee that management will be meeting to discuss options and he will report back next month
- B. Director's Position – John Ernst informed Committee that the deadline to submit resumes has ended. HR will go through the resumes submitted and identify those that will receive an interview. Interviews will be scheduled in late January early February.
- C. Port-O-Lets – A discussion was had concerning portable toilets in White's Road Park and Stony Creek Park. Committee asked the department to change to a handicapped unit at White's Road Park and to look into a structure to place the unit in at Stony Creek Park.

8. NEW BUSINESS - none

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. A resident inquired about the department's procedure on securing a tree for our Holiday Tree Lighting and that he might have a possible tree for next year. Joanne Grubb reported that our Electric Department takes the lead in securing the tree and if she could get the address she would pass along to Andy Krauss and he would follow up with the homeowner.
- B. BJ Breish - Friends of Lansdale Parks
 - a. Mr. Breish asked if the park maintenance staff could identify the parks that have the most lantern fly issues so he could assign volunteers to those parks on their January 21 event. Asked if any trash that was picked up could be left at a certain location and hauled away by maintenance staff.
 - b. Mr. Breish was questioning the property lines of Hidden Valley Park. Noticed dumping of furniture and was not sure if it was on park or apartment property.
 - c. Mr. Breish informed committee that the sign at Stony Creek Park was damaged.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:42 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A