

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – JANUARY 4, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Chief Bob McDyre  
Kate Sullivan  
Darlene & Bill Davis  
Allan & Prudence Silfies,  
Chris & Jaelyn Pescatore  
Peter & Jack Kraynak

**1. MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the minutes from the December 7, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

**2. REQUESTS**

Mr. Saldutti provided more detailed information on the following two inquiries that came into the office earlier.

- A. Soccer Field Use - Ashley Prince, representing a Merck employee soccer group, is looking for a soccer field or football field to use for their soccer program on two weekday evenings per week from 6:00 pm to dark starting in May and ending in late August. Mr. Saldutti will check the availability of fields during their timeframe to see if the program can be accommodated. Further, a determination whether to charge a fee is being considered.
- B. Tennis Court Rental – Justin DePietropaolo is checking with a number of communities for the rental of tennis courts for his USA Tennis team’s home matches. Two to three courts would be needed for two hours on Saturday afternoons for six to eight weeks starting late April/early May. It was decided that this could be accommodated at Memorial Park or White’s Road Park tennis courts. Further, there was discussion as to what the appropriate fee should be charged for reserving courts for their use. Mr. Saldutti will check with other municipalities as to their policy and fees charged for something similar.

**3. PROGRAMS**

Mr. Saldutti provided a recap of the final two Holiday programs. The Hanukkah Celebration held on Monday, December 26, 2016 was very successful. The event was very well attended and the weather was very cooperative. Thanks to program organizers Alan Gold, Ellen Price Malloy, and to Kim Newell for organizing the Horns of Hanukkah. The Charlie Brown Christmas Concert by the Eric Mintel Quartet was held Monday, December 19 at Pennedale Auditorium. The event drew a small but responsive audience of all ages. The Santa House was well received again this year with a large number of visitors stopping in to visit with Santa over several weeks leading up to Christmas. Special thanks to our volunteers, Clifford Booz, Ed Scheuring, Leon Angelichio, and Lexi, our in house elf. Additionally, work has begun on putting together the schedule of spring/summer activities offered by the department.

**4. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

The maintenance staff remains busy with routine maintenance in the park system, pool valve replacement and/or rebuilding, and indoor building maintenance and repairs.

## **5. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL**

Mr. Saldutti reported that the expenditures for budget year 2016 were slightly less than projected and that income was slightly higher than projected. Nothing to report on the 2017 budget as of this date.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Skatepark – The Committee continues its work relative to skatepark location. Further, Mr. Saldutti will look into filing a Tony Hawk Foundation grant application in support of the skatepark. An application will be prepared and submitted only if the project meets the program criteria.
- B. Memorial Park Grandstand Project Update - Specifications and being refined and finalized at this time with the expectation of advertising for bids soon.
- C. Park Bench Sponsorship/Donation - Justin Smith completed the mapping of the existing park benches and Mr. Saldutti is formatting the program application. A completed program package will be presented for Committee approval soon.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Pool Policies - Mr. Saldutti presented a list of existing pool policies along with recommendations for revisions. Some of the policies discussed included pool hours, daily admissions, etc. Many of the recommendations were suggested by the long time pool management and Mr. Saldutti has a follow-up meeting with pool management next week. Mr. Saldutti will report back as to the outcome of that meeting. Also, the department is gearing up for a new pool membership registration program that will be implemented this year. Bar coded ID cards and fobs will replace the old style photo ID cards. Once registered verification of pool membership will occur through a scanning system located at the front desk to the facility.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was attended by a few residents of the Fourth Street Park neighborhood. Generally, they inquired as to the status of the skatepark site, when a decision of site selection would be finalized and whether it would go before Council for a vote. Additionally, Mr. Peter Kraynak stated that a skatepark would be of value to the youth and the skating community. Mr. VanDame stated that he has heard from many folks who support the project as well as the top ranking site, Fourth Street Park. Ms. Fuller stated yes, the Committee's recommendation will go before Council for a vote and we anticipate this taking place in February.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 PM**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017 @ 8:00 pm

**Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A**