

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – February 1, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Chris Kunkle  
Allan Silfies  
Chris & Jaclyn Pescatore  
Andy Wilkes  
John Karmilowicz  
Ray Liberto  
Dave Boland

**1. MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the minutes from the January 4, 2017 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

**2. REQUESTS**

The Committee reviewed and approved the following requests:

- A. Calvary Baptist School - Use of the Weaver Field for their 2017 home games. Approved 3-0.
- B. Lansdale Area Fundraising Society – Use of the West Fifth Street ball field for their annual Craft Beer Tasting Festival on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from Noon to 5:00 PM. Additionally, approval was granted for access to the field for set-up starting Wednesday, June 21. The approval is contingent upon the filing with the Borough’s Special Event Committee a Special Event Permit Application. The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the request.
- C. North Penn United Way - Use of the Fourth Street Park for their annual kickball fundraising tournament on Saturday, May 20 or 27, whichever date works best for them, from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the request subject the Borough’s receipt and approval of the appropriate insurance certificate.
- D. United States Tennis Association Youth Tennis Team - Rental of two tennis courts for home matches on six to eight Saturdays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM starting late April/early May. Based on a review of other community tennis court rental fees the Committee approved a rate of \$10/hour per court for the rental of either the White’s Road or Memorial Park Tennis Courts.

**3. PROGRAMS**

In addition to the programs in progress, Mr. Saldutti provided the date and times for the following programs:

- A. Master Gardener Presentations at the Wissahickon Park Building
  - a. “Gardening Tips” – Thursday, March 23 @ 7:00 pm
  - b. “Herbs – Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme” – Thursday, April 27 @ 7:00 pm

B. Pysanky Workshops at the Parks & Recreation Activity Room – Saturday, March 18

- a. Session 1 – 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- b. Session 2 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**4. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

The department's maintenance staff is finishing up their work on the White's Road intermediate pool valves and they are busy with building maintenance and general clean-up in the parks.

**5. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL**

Mr. Saldutti had little to report other than the operating budget is tracking normally.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Liberty Bell Trail Update - Mr. Saldutti and the Borough's Project Manager, Mr. Kunkle, provided an update on the stretch of trail to be constructed through the Andale Green subdivision. Bids were received and are now being reviewed by the Borough's consultants at Pennoni. A formal recommendation from Pennoni is expected shortly.
- B. Skatepark – Ms. Fuller announced that one last community meeting will be scheduled to discuss the site for the new skatepark. That meeting date will be announced as soon as it is finalized. Further, She stated a recommendation will be placed before Council at their March Business Meeting.
- C. Memorial Park Grandstand Project Update - The solicitation for bids is currently on PennBid and a pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 13 at 11:00 am.
- D. Park Bench Sponsorship/Donation - Mr. Saldutti presented the entire policy in regard to the new Park Bench Donation/Sponsorship Program. This included program guidelines, requirements, fees, application, etc. The Committee would like to consider a commercial component to the policy (i.e.; sponsorship of a park bench by a business or commercial enterprise). Mr. Saldutti will research this and report back to Committee.
- E. Pool Policies - The following changes in pool policy was presented last month for Committee consideration:
  - a. Change in Pool Hours - The pool will open for recreational swimming every day at Noon and close at 8:00 pm (pre-season and late season closing hour remains at 7:00 pm)
  - b. Daily Gate Admissions - Non- members with a Lansdale mailing address and providing proper ID may gain admission into the pool by paying the daily fee (\$10 for 6 yrs. and older, \$8 for 2 to 5 yrs., \$0 under 2 yrs.) Individuals outside of the 19446 mailing address and providing proper ID may gain admission to the pool by paying the daily fee (\$15 for 6 yrs. and older, \$13 for 2 yrs. to 5 yrs., \$0 under 2 yrs.)
  - c. Maximum number of paid guests per member is eight individuals.
  - d. Food – No deliveries to the pool and no outside commercial food.
  - e. Nanny rate deleted.

Some of the above changes were recommended by the pool management and all were reviewed and approved by them and by Mr. Saldutti. The Committee 3-0 approved all of the above.

- F. RecDesk - The RecDesk online registration program is being refined to fit the Department's needs. Ms. Grubb has been working with the RecDesk support team and our IT team to insure that the system is ready to go before pool registration season.
- G. Tri-fold Promo Piece - A tri-fold promo piece on the swimming pools was reviewed. The piece is being printed at this time and it will be mailed out by the end of the month.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Montco 2040 Grant Application - The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the submission of a Montco 2040 Implementation Grant application for enhancements to the White's Road Park playground and streambank improvements. The Borough is seeking \$200,000 in grant funds and the local match is \$40,000. This will now be placed before Council for their consideration. If approved by Council a formal Resolution must accompany the application.
- B. State Department of Conservation & Natural Resources C2P2 Grant - The Borough received notice of a \$206,000 grant award for the continuation of the Liberty Bell Trail through Stony Creek Park. The Borough via Resolution committed a maximum match of \$82,400. The Borough is working with DCNR's grant project manager in an effort to utilize as part of the Borough's grant monies received from other funding agencies.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:005 PM**

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

**Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A**