

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Chief Bob McDyre, Darlene & Bud Davis,  
Allan Silfies, Chris & Jaclyn Pescatore,  
Chris Wiseman, Carol Fazioli, Paul Cutajar,  
Kate Sullivan, Anne & Edd Scheuring,  
Rita Rubins, Harold & Virginia Schoonover,  
Helen & Bruce Schwartz

**1. MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the minutes from the February 1, 2017 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

**2. REQUESTS**

The following requests were reviewed and approved by Committee:

- A. St. John's United Church of Christ - Request the use of White's Road Park on Sunday, April 16, 2017 from 6:30 am to 9:00 am for their annual Easter Sunrise Service. Approved 3-0.
- B. Discover Lansdale – Request the use of Railroad Plaza for their First Friday events from May through December. Approved 3-0.

**3. PROGRAMS**

Mr. Saldutti provided the monthly update on programs and activities noting that registration is ongoing for the following programs: Pysanky, Gardening Classes, Yoga, Zumba, Egg Hunt , and T-Ball. Additionally, the office is in the process of finalizing all spring/summer programs.

**4. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

As the result of the recent milder weather, the maintenance staff has gotten a jump on applying wood chips in the playground areas, performing preliminary work on the Weaver Field ball field in addition to clean-up and general maintenance in the park system. Further, enhanced amphitheatre lighting is being explored.

**5. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL**

Mr. Saldutti reported the operating budget is tracking normally for this time of year.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Liberty Bell Trail Update - The Committee in a 3-0 vote moved to accept the recommendation of Pennoni to award the contract for the Andale Green section of the trail to Grace Industries, the lowest responsible bidder. This will now be placed before Council for their consideration at the March 15, 2017 business meeting.
- B. Memorial Park Grandstand Project Update - The Committee in a 3-0 vote moved to accept the recommendation of Remington, Vernick & Beach to award the contract for Weaver Field grandstand improvement project to McCarthy Masonry & Concrete, the lowest responsible bidder. This will now be placed before Council for their consideration at the March 15, 2017 business meeting.
- C. Park Bench Sponsorship/Donation - The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the program policy for the Park Bench Donation/Sponsorship Program. Additionally, they have requested of Mr. Saldutti that he continue to work on a commercial/business component of the policy. That work will commence in the near future and will be presented to Committee for their consideration at a later date.
- D. Group Rates for pool use by non-Borough based schools, camps, daycares, etc. – The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved Mr. Saldutti's recommendation to charge a daily admission fee of \$7/child for non-Borough based schools, camps, etc. Typically, groups visit the pool for a two hour period. Also, Friday mornings will now be available for group usage. This is designed to help maximize the use of the pools and to generate additional revenue to support the operation.
- E. Montco 2040 Implementation Grant - Consistent with the motion passed by Council last month, the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant for improvements to the White's Road Park playground and streambank has been submitted to the County.
- F. Skatepark - Following 30 minutes of discussion and comments from the public, the Committee in a 3-0 vote approved Fourth Street Park as the location for the new skatepark. Their recommendation will now be placed before Council for their consideration at the March 15, 2017 business meeting.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:07 PM**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 8:00 pm

**Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A**