

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – APRIL 5, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Fuller, Chair  
BJ Breish  
Carrie Hawkins Charlton  
Courtney Meehan

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Dominic Frascella

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve March 1, 2023 minutes by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton seconded by Councilman Breish. Motion passes 3-0.

**WHITE’S ROAD PARK UPDATE**

Marino Corporation will begin construction of the trail improvement project the week of April 17 or April 24. Construction will be completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Park users are urged to use caution and obey all construction signs when visiting the park. Areas of the park may be temporarily closed during construction. Courtney will work on installing temporary detour signs for park users.

A new turtle climber for the playground has been ordered by the playground rep. Courtney is waiting to receive shipping and delivery information.

**JOB POSTING – RECREATION SPECIALIST**

The Parks and Rec Department is hiring a Recreation Specialist. The person hired will shadow Joanne over the next year or two to prepare to take over her role when she retires. The Department is hoping to have this position filled before the pools open.

**BEER GARDEN AT CONCERTS**

Well Crafted is interested in serving beer during the summer concert series. The Committee is open to trying this on a trial run basis. Courtney will circle back next month after discussing with Well Crafted. Courtney is working on getting a food truck vendor at all concerts.

**WEDGEWOOD PARK**

Jesse Clayton, 5<sup>th</sup> Pocket Skateparks, submitted a proposal for various skate obstacles to be installed at Wedgewood Park. He itemized out each piece so the installation can occur in phases, dependent on the money raised by the skate community. Approximately \$11,000 has been raised to date.

The next step will be to reach out to the neighbors of the park to provide an update on the proposed plan.

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS**

- **Requests**

Well Crafted submitted an application for this spring and fall to once again host the beer garden at White's Road Park. The dates are Saturday, April 15 – May 20 and September 16 – October 28, 12pm – 7pm. A motion to approve this request was made by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and seconded by Councilman Breish.

North Penn Valley Girls Softball will keep the same schedule and field usage as 2022.

- **Events/Programs**

- Spring and summer program registration is underway.
- The Egg Hunt scheduled for April 1 was canceled due to rain. Those that preregistered can come to the parks and rec office to pick up candy.
- The pools are fully staffed with the exception of two assistant swim coach vacancies, and one diving coach vacancy.

- **Maintenance Activities**

- Tree work is ongoing.
- Trash removal in the woods at Stony Creek Park.
- Placed new wood carpet on all playgrounds.
- Preparing the pools for summer.
- Repairs to White's Road Park bridge railing.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Courtney is waiting for a quote for new trail signs at Stony Creek Park.

The Labyrinth at Stony Creek Park is mowed by the mowing contractor. The grasses around the labyrinth were cut back for winter.

Courtney ordered a sign for the Wissahickon Park Building.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Rotary Club of Lansdale would like to donate a park kiosk to commemorate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The proposed location is by the Santa House across from Railroad Plaza.

Councilman Breish is interested in pursuing a fundraising campaign for a new playground in the Borough. He referenced the partnership between Warrington Township and the Lion's Club that raised money to build Lion's Pride Park.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dominic Frascella would like the committee to coordinate with public safety to calm traffic, specifically by the park entrances at White's Road Park and Stony Creek Park.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM**

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 pm.  
Council Chambers.