

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – February 3, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Fuller, Chair
Bill Henning
Meg Currie Teoh
Karl Lukens

ALSO PRESENT:

Tracy Flynn
Mark Ladley
Bruce & Helen Schwartz
Jean Fritz
Dan Sokil

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve January 6, 2021 minutes by Councilwoman Currie Teoh seconded by Councilman Henning. Motion passed 3-0.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Requests:

Cannoneers Baseball Association – Requests permission to relocate their batting cage at Memorial Park’s Weaver Field. Committee approved the request.

Programs / Events:

Mr. Lukens updated Committee on the following:

Concert Series – The White’s Road Summer Concert Series concerts have been scheduled and will start Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and run for ten consecutive Tuesday’s with two additional rain dates at the end.

Movies – three movies have been scheduled for Friday evenings: June 4th, July 9th and August 13th.

Lansdale Festival of the Arts – Planning is in progress. The department is hopeful that we will be able to present this program in some form. The date for the event is August 28, 2021.

Zumba & Dance Classes – Classes will be scheduled at White’s Road Park in April.

Youth Programing – Skateboard Camp has been scheduled.

Pool Membership – Membership has opened for the 2021 season.

Maintenance Activities:

The maintenance crew remains busy with routine park maintenance along with renovating the White’s Road Pool Bathhouse by creating a storage area off the pool manager’s office in the men’s changing area and painting the activity room at the Parks & Recreation Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Skatepark – Naming ceremony scheduled for Saturday, April 10 with time to be determined. The Plaque has been finalized and will be ordered. Mr. Lukens will reach out to committee to finalize the program for the dedication. Ms. Fuller reported on a positive post on the skatepark. A backpack fundraiser for the homeless is being planned by the Friends of Lansdale Skatepark. Ms. Currie Teoh

suggested that the organizer reach out to the Police Department since they presently are providing backpacks.

White's Road Park Playground – No update.

Liberty Bell Trail – No update.

Bottling Filling Stations – Waiting on quote for installation. Once the total cost is finalized Committee can discuss the number and locations.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks Tour – Mr. Lukens would like to schedule a tour of the parks with Committee to get their input on future capital projects. Committee agreed to late April or early May. Mr. Lukens will send out some possible dates.

Gazebo in Memorial Park – The 150th Anniversary Committee is proposing erecting a gazebo in Memorial Park. Funding was discussed. A motion in support of the installation of the gazebo was made by Councilwoman Currie Teoh and seconded by Councilman Henning. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mark Ladley inquired about clean-up of the glass and tile in White's Road Park. Mr. Lukens reported that White's Road Park was a dump for the local tile company prior to development and clean-up is an ongoing process. Moving forward, Mr. Lukens will have his staff pay particular attention to the areas Mr. Ladley spoke about.

Ms. Jean Fritz thanked the department for the refurbished sign at Willow Street Park and asked if adding caps would help prevent wood rot on the posts. Inasmuch as the posts are pressure treated there is no need to add caps. Ms. Fritz also asked if a formal sign would be added at Adams Avenue Park. Mr. Lukens said there would not be. The metal signs will remain at the open space areas

Stony Creek Park Ice Skating – A questions was asked if there has been any skating. Mr. Lukens reported that there has not been any skating to date. The pond needs to be at least eight inches for skating. If the pond reaches the proper thickness the department will plan to staff and open the pond to skaters.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:26 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2021 @ 7:30 pm

Zoom