

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – May 3, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Fuller, Chair  
BJ Breish  
Carrie Hawkins Charlton  
Courtney Meehan

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Jacqui Baxter-Rollins  
Dorothy Szilagy

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve April 5, 2023 minutes by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton seconded by Councilman Breish. Motion passes 3-0.

**WHITE’S ROAD PARK UPDATE**

Marino Corporation began construction on the trail improvement project last week. The park remains open, but users are encouraged to use caution and obey all signage.

The Electric Department trenched electric to the pavilion. Outlets and security lighting have been installed. They will also install a light pole for the ADA parking area. The Parks and Recreation Department received a \$5,000 grant from the PECO Green Region Open Space Program for this project.

**BEER GARDEN AT CONCERTS**

Courtney confirmed that Well Crafted is still interested in selling beer during the concerts. The committee agreed to proceed with the sale of beer during the first two concerts (June 20 and 27) on a trial basis.

**WEDGEWOOD PARK**

There will be a community Q&A with the Parks and Recreation Department and Jesse Clayton, from 5<sup>th</sup> Pocket Skateparks. This meeting will take place in late June or early July at the park.

**5<sup>th</sup> Street Park**

Courtney is working with Jayson Troupe to obtain quotes for various building repairs at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Snack Stand. In addition, the fencing around the playground needs to be replaced and the sidewalk needs to be repaired. Some work may be completed this year if the budget allows, otherwise the repairs will be included in the 2024 budget.

Courtney proposed a fundraising project for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Playground. She will research the application process for a RecTAP grant for consulting services.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS**

- **Requests**  
None

- **Events/Programs**

- Park After Dark was Friday, April 21. Program filled with 20 participants.
- Spring and summer program registration is underway.
- T-ball and soccer are ongoing.
- Pickleball started last week and will run every Tuesday through the end of May.
- Skateboarding Clinic scheduled for Saturday, May 7.
- 10 & Under Tennis starts May 31, with a free play day scheduled for Saturday, May 20.
- The Department is \$8,800 higher than this time last year for pool memberships.

- **Maintenance Activities**

- Ongoing pool maintenance and repairs.
- Ongoing tree work, especially at White's Road Park.
- New LED lights and occupancy sensor at Memorial Park courts.
- Staff are attending a field maintenance workshop at Citizens Bank Park on May 16.
- Staff are participating in a sustainable operations virtual roundtable on May 17.
- Receiving quotes for maintenance garage repairs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Courtney is working with Justin Smith, from IT, to compile a GIS map of the dedicated trees and benches throughout the parks.

Kaylee Coley installed a bee hotel in the meadow and a bee house in the pollinator garden at Stony Creek Park. This was to complete her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Councilwoman Fuller provided update regarding an incident at Fourth Street Skatepark. Mayor Herbert received a letter from a youth who had a negative experience at the park. Courtney will monitor the park to hopefully prevent this from reoccurring.

Councilman Breish requested the Little Library at Stony Creek Park be repaired. Courtney will attempt to reach out to the Scout Troop that built the library.

Councilman Breish would like to see additional nighttime programs being offered in the park.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jacqui Baxter-Rollins provided information for May being Bike Month. She provided leaflets of information explaining the benefits of biking.

Dorothy Szilagyi requested that the committee include the neighbors of Wedgewood Park before proceeding with any plans for a skatepark at that location.

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

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