

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – JUNE 6, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Fuller, Chair
BJ Breish
Carrie Hawkins Charlton
Courtney Meehan

PUBLIC PRESENT

Dominic Frascella
Blake Champagne
Rob Gladfelder
Jason Witzler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MEMORIAL PARK – BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE

Bob Law and Nick Ross, from North Penn Cannoneers are requesting the following field improvements at Weaver Field:

1. Dugout – remove top layers of block and roof, raise the roof, and use materials to match gazebo. They will get supplies donated; Parks and Recreation will contribute manpower.
2. Fence – round off fence and install warning track.
3. Batting cage – first base side, behind the bullpen and running parallel with the foul line.

The committee unanimously approved that the North Penn Cannoneers proceed with fundraising efforts to complete these projects.

POOL SNACK STANDS

Little's Ice Cream and Water Ice signed a lease agreement for the snack stands at both pool facilities. Motion to approve 2023 Snack Stand lease by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton seconded by Councilman Breish. Motion passes 3-0.

WHITE'S ROAD PARK – 2024 POOL PROJECT

With the recurring maintenance issues of the baby pools, Courtney is researching the possibility of filling in the baby pool and replacing it with a splash pad. Splash pads are inclusive, accessible, interactive, and considerably lower maintenance. The committee agreed to pursue this idea and possible grant opportunities for the Fourth Street Pool project, which will be completed in 2025.

PARK ORDINANCE – SMOKING IN PARKS

Motion to update park rules and regulations to ban tobacco products, including vaping, in all parks by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton seconded by Councilman Breish. Motion passes 3-0.

STONY CREEK PARK - PAVING

The parking lot and trail are being paved this week. The lot will remain closed through the week of June 19. Park users can park for free at the Freight House and walk down the Liberty Bell Trail to access the park.

TREE PROGRAM

Courtney is working with Jason Van Dame for the fee in lieu of tree program paid by developers. The Parks and Recreation Department will also work with the EAC to plant trees this fall.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Requests**
 - Montco Pride – June 11, 1pm-4pm, Memorial Park.
 - Juneteenth – June 17, 11am-4pm, Memorial Park. The event organizer requested the removal of the American flag bunting around the gazebo to hang their own banner(s). The committee agreed this would be permissible this year, but for future events, bunting cannot be removed.
- **Events/Programs**
 - Concerts kick-off Tuesday, June 20 with the Tequila Rose Band.
 - White's Road Pool opened Memorial Day weekend with almost a thousand visitors to the pool Saturday-Monday. Fourth Street opens on Thursday, June 15.
 - 10 & Under Tennis started last week and will run every Wednesday through July 5.
 - Partnered with the EAC for Bat Release program on June 2. Approximately 60 people attended.
- **Maintenance Activities**
 - Preparing the pools for the season.
 - Preparing snack stands for vendor.
 - Prepared Memorial Park for ceremony.
 - Turtle arrived at White's Road Park. Will be installed early next week.
 - Resecured Little Library at Stony Creek Park
 - Vandalism at Railroad Plaza and White's Road Park.
 - Ongoing tree maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

Courtney is tabling 5th Street Park Playground project to focus on the two pool replastering projects and the utilities for the restroom facility at White's Road Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lisa Pearsall started as the new Recreation Specialist on Tuesday, May 30.
- Courtney is attending PECO Green Region Award Ceremony on June 26 for the electric project at White's Road Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Witzler – Believes the pools are already accessible.

Dominic Frascella – Requested Borough require petroleum company to install sidewalk on 9th St.

Rob Gladfelter – Thanked the Parks and Rec Department for assistance with EAC Bat Release. Plans to work with Department for future programs and events.

Blake Champagne – Suggested adding hooks to outside facilities for rentals to hang their own banners/décor.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, at 7:30 pm.
Council Chambers.