

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – AUGUST 2, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Fuller, Chairperson  
BJ Breish  
Courtney Meehan

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Carrie Hawkins

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Rose Chapman  
Dominic Frascella  
Rob Gladfelter  
Dominic Vasturia  
Jason Witzler

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve July 5, 2023, minutes by Councilwoman Fuller seconded by Councilman Breish. Motion passes 2-0.

**WHITE’S ROAD PARK – UTILITIES AND RESTROOM FACILITY**

Borough Staff and RVE met with representatives from Upper Gwynedd Township on Tuesday, July 25 to discuss installing utilities from Green Street to the proposed location of the restroom facility via the ADA access road. Public Works and WWTP believe this work can be completed in-house at a substantial cost savings.

Courtney obtained quotes for a prefabricated restroom facility. The price is approximately \$162,000, of which \$90,000 may be covered by the Montco2040 grant. Courtney is researching additional grant funding.

The Department is investigating keypad door locks for all park facilities, including restrooms. These locks can be set to a schedule, so they automatically lock and unlock at designated times.

**POOL FURNITURE**

The Parks and Recreation Department purchased used lounge chairs and bistro chairs from Hatfield Township. A total of 147 lounge chairs and 35 bistro chairs were purchased. The Parks and Recreation Maintenance Crew picked up and placed the chairs out on Thursday, July 27. Total cost was \$910.

**FOURTH STREET PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Courtney obtained quotes for a playground piece to replace the broken zip line at Fourth Street Park. Courtney will present a few options at next month’s meeting.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS**

- **Requests**  
None
  
- **Events/Programs**
  - Concerts are ongoing every Tuesday through September 5. The new date for the AM Radio Tribute Band show is Tuesday, September 5, at 6pm.

- The Dive-In Movie was cut short due to lightening. The Department will offer this event again next summer.
  - The next movie at White's Road Park is Friday, August 18: Puss-n-Boots: The Last Wish.
  - The next Paint Party program at Wissahickon Park is Saturday, August 12, 9am-11am.
  - The Puppy Plunge is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, at Fourth Street Park. Pre-registration is required.
  - Festival of the Arts is Saturday, August 26, 10am-3pm at Memorial Park.
  - Registration is now open for fall programs. Programs include: pickleball (youth and adult), 10 & Under Tennis, T-ball, soccer, yoga, Zumba, Motown Line Dancing, voice over lessons, and more.
- **Maintenance Activities**
    - Painted the pedestrian bridges at White's Road Park.
    - Ongoing tree maintenance and landscaping.
    - Repaired benches at Memorial Park.
    - Picked up and placed out new lounge chairs at pools.
    - Assist with event set-up/breakdown.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Courtney will be out of the office August 14-18 attending the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Director's School in Chicago. She will be checking email daily. Urgent requests should be forwarded to Joanne Grubb or Lisa Pearsall.

The Department met with Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy for their tree grant program. If approved, they will plant approximately 50 trees at White's Road Park in fall 2024. Courtney is also communicating with the EAC regarding additional tree grants available through the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS).

The fountain at Stony Creek Park has not been installed due to the energy cost. Courtney is researching a more energy efficient option, including a solar powered fountain. The fountain is not necessary for algae, as the pond has two aerators.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rose Chapman – appreciates the improvements at White's Road Park and is in favor of a restroom facility.

Dominic Frascella - requests the Borough reach out to Upper Gwynedd Township regarding a sidewalk connection on White's Road.

Rob Gladfelter – recommends the Department reuse or donate plastic tubes from previous tree planting at White's Road Park.

Dominic Vasturia – requests the Department install parking blocks on the angled parking spots on Edgewood Drive and provide a bike rack by the pool.

Jason Witzler – recommends adding electricity to restroom facility when we run utilities.

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

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, at 7:30 pm.  
Council Chambers.