

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – January 6, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Fuller, Chair
Bill Henning
Meg Currie Teoh
Karl Lukens

ALSO PRESENT:

John Ernst
Tracy Flynn
Anne Scheuring
Mark Ladley
Rachel Malagari
Jason Platt
Carole Farrell
Kenneth Morgan
Dan Sokil

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve December 2, 2020 minutes by Councilman Henning seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh. Motion passed 3-0.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Requests:

North Penn Valley Girls Softball – Request the use of Schweiker Park for 2021 tournament play. Committee agreed to ten (10) tournaments, no more than three (3) fields and no more than twelve (12) teams per tournament for the 2021 season.

Programs / Events:

Mr. Lukens updated Committee on the holiday events. The virtual tree lighting was a great success. Mr. Lukens thanked all for their help in the production with a special thanks to Tracy Flynn for combining all the videos, photos and drone shots into a well thought out presentation shown on our social media and of course Santa, and his elves. Mr. Lukens also thanked Tracy Flynn for her work in answering over fifty letters to Santa. The Menorah Lighting was attended by a small crowd with COVID-19 restrictions in mind and went off well.

The department is planning on resuming programming in late April with our T-Ball Program. The department is planning for our summer programs, i.e., concert series, movies, camps, pools, arts festival and will proceed in accordance with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Maintenance Activities:

The maintenance crew remains busy with routine park maintenance along with getting a jump on pool maintenance with the painting of the lifeguard stands, Stony Creek Park aeration system was winterized and the pond was lowered, Willow Street Park sign was refurbished.

OLD BUSINESS

Skatepark Update – Mr. Lukens reported that the final grant documents were submitted to DCNR for reimbursement and thanked John Ramey and Tyler Williams for their assistance in gathering the necessary documents for the final report. The repair to the bowl drain is complete and working well. The dedication of the skatepark is being planned for Saturday, April 10. Committee will need to decide on signage by the February 3, 2021 committee meeting.

White's Road Park Playground Update – Work has stopped on the project. Once weather and ground conditions improve, the contractor will resume.

Liberty Bell Trail Update – Work has stopped on this project until the spring due to weather and ground conditions.

Bottling Filling Stations – Mr. Lukens reached out to North Penn Water Authority and they would like to partner with the Borough on the stations. Cost for each station is approximately \$1,400 plus installation. Mr. Lukens will report back with the installation cost and then Committee can decide on locations.

Stony Creek Park Ice Skating – DIVIT recommended that skating at Stony Creek Park be offered only if staffed. Committee agreed. The department will continue to measure ice thickness throughout the winter and if the ice thickness reaches eight inches will schedule a community skate.

Sponsorship Banners – Committee agreed to allow Mr. Lukens to move forward with the sponsorship banner program at the pools and skatepark.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Park Tennis Courts – The courts will be resurfaced and barring any major weather issues should be ready for play in May. All courts will be lined for pickleball and tennis.

Pool Repair – The curbing around the main & wading pool at Fourth Street and the intermediate and wading pool at White's Road will be replaced with the same material that was used for the main pool at White's Road last year.

Gazebo in Memorial Park – The 150th Anniversary Committee is proposing erecting a gazebo in Memorial Park in honor of Mayor Michael DiNunzio. Bricks will be sold to pay for the gazebo. Committee agreed it was a good idea and plans will continue.

Grant Opportunities – Committee agreed to have RVE move forward with a grant submission to DCNR for a comfort station, pavilion and path repaving at White's Road Park at a cost of \$2,000. The cost of the project would be in the \$250,000 range. The grant would require a 50% match by the Borough the grant is accepted. The project would look to start in 2023.

Mr. Lukens informed the Committee that Bob Johnson passed the Certified Pesticide Applicator exam. Mr. Lukens and Committee congratulated Bob on his success. The department now has three staff members certified.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Scheuring asked Mr. Lukens to let her know when we have the replacement fish for the statue in Stony Street Park and she will have it installed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:36 PM

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

Zoom