

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES – October 6, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Fuller, Chair
Bill Henning
Meg Currie Teoh
Karl Lukens

ALSO PRESENT:

Anne Scheuring
Dan Sokil
Tom Meyer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve July 7, 2021 minutes by Councilwoman Currie Teoh seconded by Councilman Henning. Motion passed 3-0.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Requests

- North Penn Valley Girls Softball requests a change to traffic flow at the Schweiker Park parking lot. The committee agreed to allow Mr. Lukens to work with Chief Trail and Hatfield Township on this change.

Programs / Events

Mr. Lukens updated the committee on the following programs:

- Soccer, T-Ball, Zumba, Yoga, and Motown Line Dancing all in progress.
- Guitar Lessons – Beginner guitar lessons are scheduled to start up in mid-October at the Wissahickon Park Building.
- Holiday Events – the committee had discussion on the annual Holiday Events. Mr. Lukens will proceed with planning the Menorah Lighting, Tree Lighting, TubaChristmas, and letters to Santa.
- White’s Road Park Concert Series – Mr. Lukens asked Committee to think about the concert series and any changes they might like to see. Mr. Lukens is looking at offering a summer series and adding concerts in September.
- Lunchtime Concert Series – Mr. Lukens reported that attendance has diminished in recent years. He would like to either reallocate that money to another concert at White’s Road or possibly change the day/time of the concerts at Railroad Plaza and asked the committee to think about what change they might like to see.

Maintenance Activities

The maintenance staff remained busy with routine park maintenance along with replacing infant bucket seats with tot bucket seats at all playgrounds, miscellaneous pool repairs, security lighting at Memorial Park’s grandstand was repaired, Stony Creek Park kiosk was repaired along with splitting and replanting the grasses at the labyrinth, set-up for the lunchtime and Tuesday night concerts, and preparing the parking lot and bathrooms at White’s Road Park for our outdoor classes.

OLD BUSINESS

- 5 Year Capital Plan – the committee had discussion on capital projects within the park system.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2022 Budget – the committee had discussion on the 2022 budget. Seasonal salaries were discussed, and the committee agreed that offering higher hourly rates in 2022 to retain staff was needed.
- Dog Park – the committee had discussion on the possibility of adding a dog park to the park system. The committee will first look at the few sites large enough for a dog park to determine if they are suitable. If any suitable sites are found the committee will then investigate the next steps. Mr. Lukens will set-up a time for the committee to visit possible sites.
- Memorial Park Grandstand Mural – A resident reached out to Ms. Fuller asking about adding a mural to the grandstand. The committee agreed to entertain the idea.
- York/Susquehanna Park – The adjacent property owner removed trees, which was a visual barrier between the park and the apartment building. Mr. Lukens will discuss the removal of the trees with the property owner and work on replacement plantings.
- Stony Creek Park Signage – Signage missing throughout the park (labyrinth, meadow, boardwalks) is in the process of being replaced.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2021 @ 7:30 pm
In person Council Chamber or via Zoom.