

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – February 6, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Fuller, Chair
Carrie Hawkins Charlton
Bill Henning
Joanne Grubb
Chris Kunkle

ALSO PRESENT:

Bruce & Helen Schwartz

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. MEETING MINUTES

The Committee in a 3-0 vote approved the minutes from the January Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

2. REQUESTS

A. St. John's United Church of Christ – Request the use of White's Road Park for their annual Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21, 2019 from 6:30 am to 8:00 am. Approved 3-0. A motion will be placed before Council for their consideration at the February 20th Business Meeting.

3. PROGRAMS

Joanne Grubb reported on the following programs:

- A. White's Road Performing Arts Series – The series is booked with the exception of Children's Night Out.
- B. Lansdale Festival of the Arts – Jury information is out and submissions are being received. Pennedale Middle School Facilities Agreement has been issued. Banner approval has been issued. Sponsorship and advertising campaign will begin once the new director is in place.
- C. Bitty Ballet – The start of that program was pushed back a week due to weather. There are two classes running with the older class hitting the maximum of eight students.
- D. Babysitting Class – Second try at offering this class, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 19.
- E. Karate, Motown Line Dance, Yoga, and Zumba are all in session and running smoothly.
- F. T-Ball Program – Registration has started.
- G. Pysanky – Classes are scheduled for Saturday, March 30 – Two sessions are offered – 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- H. Egg Hunt – Planning has begun for our 37th annual Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 13.
- I. Bicycle Safety Workshop – The department confirmed with our Police Department and the annual workshop will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

- J. February Flyer – Flyer promoting the pools, and spring programming will be inserted in electric bills this month. Paperless billing customers have been emailed the flyer and resident PECO customers will be mailed directly.

4. SEASONAL STAFF

All key pool staff will be returning along with a majority of our lifeguards. We do have an opening in our summer playground program. The coordinator position is open and the department is working with Nancy Shaw in putting together a job description and getting that information posted on our web site.

5. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The maintenance staff remains busy with general park cleanup, snow/ice removal, tree work, replacing all the swing hardware, refurbishing benches, and equipment maintenance.

6. BUDGET – OPERATING/CAPITAL – no discussion

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Skatepark Update – Chris Kunkle updated Committee on the project. There was discussion and motion to approve a proposal from RVE in the amount of, not to exceed \$49,876 for re-engineering services for the Fourth Street Park Skate Park project. A motion will be placed before Council for their consideration at the February 20 Business Meeting.

In order to reduce project costs the following will be included as part of the services:

- a) Bid the skate park construction and site work construction as separate contracts.
 - b) Remove restrictions that prohibit local bidders on the skate park contract.
 - c) Re-design the grading to balance the site, no fill removal costs.
 - d) Re-design the storm water management system.
 - e) Eliminate the serpentine retaining wall.
- B. Director’s Position – Chris Kunkle reported that the interviewing process is going very well. We have a lot of good candidates and the position should be filled by early March.
- C. North Penn Valley Girls Softball – Management met with North Penn Valley Girls Softball concerning the parking problem during their tournament play. It was agreed that the number of tournaments would be reduced to eight from ten; number of teams would be reduced to eight to twelve from sixteen to twenty, and the number of fields used at one time would be reduced to three from four. The situation will be monitored and reevaluated after the season.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:48 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A