

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Fuller, Chairperson
BJ Breish
Courtney Meehan

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Carrie Hawkins

PUBLIC PRESENT

Donna Fiedler
Dominic Vasturia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve October 4, 2023, minutes by Councilman Breish, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller. Motion passes 2-0.

WHITE’S ROAD PARK RESTROOM FACILITY LSA GRANT APPLICATION

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting a motion to proceed with the Local Share Account (LSA) Grant application for the restroom facility at White’s Road Park. This will include the installation of water and sewer to the site. The total estimated cost of the project is \$396,337 with no match required. RVE is submitting the application on behalf of the Borough. A motion to proceed with the grant application by Councilman Breish, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller. Motion passes 2-0.

5TH POCKET SKATEPARKS AGREEMENT FOR WEDGEWOOD PARK

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting a motion to proceed with an agreement with 5th Pocket Skateparks for donated services for the Wedgewood Park Skate Area. This agreement states that funds raised by the skate community will be used to pay 5th Pocket directly. Motion by Councilman Breish, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller. Motion passes 2-0.

WEDGEWOOD PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

Approximately twenty people attended the Wedgewood Park Community meeting on Wednesday, October 25, at Wedgewood Park. The meeting was an opportunity for residents to ask questions and view the plans for the new skate area. It was requested that the Department expand the parking lot when it is repaved, order a port-a-potty, add lighting, and purchase additional benches or picnic tables.

POOL STUDY UPDATE

The pool consultant is recommending that additional investigative work is completed at both pool facilities. This work includes a coring sample of the concrete shell, and pressure testing of the lines. This additional work costs \$20,900 and would need to be completed as soon as possible for the plan. Courtney would like to use 2023 capital funds to complete this work.

FOURTH STREET PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The committee agreed to proceed with a STEMPlay playground piece to replace the broken zipline.

W. 5TH STREET PARK UPDATE

The new sidewalk on 5th Street, bordering the playground, was poured this week. Q Fence should begin replacing the playground fence within the next 2-3 weeks. Courtney is working on obtaining quotes for new doors at the

snack stand. Courtney is working with SEPTA and PA Northeastern Railroad for the removal of vines and shrubs along fence line. Courtney will also inquire about the parking lot spaces.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Requests**
 - Madd Sweets Food Truck is requesting the use of a park parking lot to sell breakfast items. The committee agreed on a trial-run basis.
- **Events/Programs**
 - Spooktacular Soiree: approximately 1,000 people attended. The Department collected costumes for the public to pick up for free at the Parks and Recreation Building. Unclaimed costumes were donated to Liberty Thrift
 - Zumba: Tuesdays, 10/24-12/12, P&R Activity Room
 - Family Paint Parties: 11/10, 12/8, Wissahickon Park
 - Motown Line Dancing, Thursdays, 11/16-12/21, P&R Activity Room
 - Radio City Music Hall Bus Trip: 11/20
 - Holiday Centerpiece Workshop: 12/9
 - Tree Lighting: 12/1, 6pm, Railroad Plaza
 - Tuba Christmas: 12/3, 1:15pm, Railroad Plaza
 - Menorah Lighting: 12/7, Railroad Plaza
 - Santa House: 12/8, 12/15, 12/16, Railroad Plaza
- **Maintenance Activities**
 - Assisting North Penn Cannoneers with installation of warning track at Weaver Field.
 - Tree maintenance.
 - Updates to Fourth Street Pool Building.
 - White's Road Pool: replace sinks/counter.
 - Installing new park signs.
 - GIS for tracking maintenance activities and park inventory.

OLD BUSINESS

John Ernst, Mary Fuller, and Courtney Meehan met with representatives from the North Penn Rotary to discuss the location of the 100th Anniversary kiosk. With the potential for the redesign at Railroad Plaza, it was decided that White's Road Park would be an appropriate site for the kiosk.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Breish noticed vandalism at Wissahickon Park. The glass on the light posts was broken out. Courtney will work with the Electric Department to have them repaired.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Fiedler – unhoused at Stony Creek Park; trees at Fourth Street Park. Courtney will have an arborist come out to inspect the large tree by the pool building.

Dominic Vasturia – bike rack at Memorial Park; cars parking on grass damaging trees. Courtney will add an additional bike rack to her order in 2024.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM

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