

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – February 5, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary Fuller, Chairperson  
Meg Currie Teoh  
Bill Henning  
Karl Lukens, Park & Recreation Director

**ALSO PRESENT:**

See attached

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve December 4, 2019 minutes by Councilman Henning seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh. Motion passed 3-0.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Requests:**

Use of Memorial Park for the Lansdale Festival of the Arts on Saturday, August 29, 2020. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Henning seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh. Motion passed 3-0.

Use of White's Road Park for the annual Easter Sunrise Service by St. John's United Church of Christ. The service will take place on Sunday, April 12, 2020 beginning at 7:00 am. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Henning seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh. Motion passed 3-0.

**Programs / Events:**

Mr. Lukens provided the committee with a list of each of the programs and events that began in December and January along with a brief description for each program. A list of the upcoming programs and events was also provided. They included a new program "Jump into Gym" along with long standing programs such as Yoga, Zumba, Motown Line Dancing and Karate.

The Parks & Recreation Department has also partnered with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy to put on a Rain Barrel Workshop on Saturday, March 21, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am in the Wissahickon Park Building.

**Maintenance Activities:**

Mr. Lukens highlighted several of the maintenance activities that took place during the month of December and January. They included the posting of caution signs near paths that will no longer be treated in the winter months. Park bathrooms have been winterized. The Parks & Recreation offices have been painted. The Wissahickon Park Building back room sub-floor and joists were found to be in extremely poor condition and was demolished and rebuilt. Many winter projects are in progress or recently completed.

**Meetings of Note:**

Mr. Lukens updated the committee on several meetings of note by the Parks & Recreation Department. They included:

- 1/03 Census Staff Site Visit – Wissahickon Park Building
- 1/08 Code Enforcement Check of Sidewalks – Wissahickon Park

- 1/09 New Council Orientation – Borough Hall
- 1/14 Resident School Project Interview – Parks Office
- 1/14 Swim Team Parents Assoc. – Parks Office
- 1/16 Montgomery County Emergency Management Resources Presentation – Borough Hall
- 1/17 Bike Safety Program review – Parks Office
- 1/20 Bike Safety Program with NPSD / NP PAL – Parks Office
- 1/20 Interview for Internship Position – Parks Office
- 1/21 SofSurface Presentation – Parks Office
- 1/28 Founders Day – Borough Hall
- 1/29 White’s Road Playground Conference call with RVE – Borough Hall
- 1/30 Pool Revenue Ideas with Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – Parks Office
- 1/30 Web EOC Training – Borough Hall
- 1/31 White’s Road Pool Tile – White’s Road Pool

## **BUDGET**

Mr. Lukens updated the committee on the 2020 budget. Expenses are limited as the new budget just began.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Skate Park Update** – Mr. Lukens reported that construction started on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> Pocket Skateparks has offered to install a decorative wall at their cost. The committee will ask for more details and a drawing before moving forward with the request.

**White’s Road Park Playground** – Mr. Lukens provided a proposal from RVE, the Borough Engineer, to survey the project area and put together the bid documents. A motion to approve the proposal and send it to the full Council was made by Councilman Henning seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh. Motion passed 3-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Special Permit** – The committee discussed the proposed policy change to allow for an Alcohol Permit when renting the Parks & Recreation multi-purpose room. The new policy would require the renter sign off stating no one under 21 will be served, Alcohol is limited to beer and wine only, no Kegs (beer is to be in cans or bottles), Non-alcoholic beverages must be available, food must be served and alcohol cannot be consumed outside of the building. A motion to approve the policy change and send it to the full council was made by Councilman Henning seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh. Motion passed 3-0.

**Santa House** – The committee agreed to leave the Santa House in its current location across from Railroad Plaza rather than move it to the Public Works Yard. The house will remain locked. Keeping it in place will save the Parks & Recreation Department \$200 per trip to move it back and forth along with reducing extra wear and tear during the moving process.

**Dog Waste Near Railroad Plaza** – Mr. Lukens updated the committee on the issue of dog owners not cleaning up after their dog along the Liberty Bell Trail in the area of Railroad Plaza. It was agreed to purchase additional signage to warn dog owners of the possible fines and to post them in strategic areas along the trail.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident John Darab provided the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Program Guide and suggested that since the Borough is a member we look to have them bring some of the programing to Lansdale.

Resident George Adams with Cannoneers Football & Cheerleading had questions on the new field use fee and questions on the ability to make improvements to the bathroom / snack bar building. They will look to fundraise for the improvements but may need assistance from the Borough. George discussed the potential improvements. Mr. Lukens agreed to meet with Mr. Adams at a later date to help put a detailed plan together for the committee to consider.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 PM**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

**Borough Hall – Conference Room 201A**