

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Ernst, Borough Manager
Gary Herbert, Mayor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Requests:

None

Programs / Events:

Mr. Lukens provided the committee with an update on the White's Road Park concerts and how other municipalities have proceeded with concerts. We will start with the first concert on Tuesday, August 11th. Adjustments will be made as needed moving forward. Additionally, our third scheduled movie of the summer is set for Friday, August 14th. Toy Story 4 will be shown at the White's Road Park bandshell beginning at 8:00pm.

Maintenance Activities:

Mr. Lukens highlighted several of the maintenance activities that took place during the month of July. They included the site prep work for the White's Road Playground project (Tree and stump removal).

After a site inspection at Wissahickon Park several trees were identified for removal. Two have been removed in house and six will require an outside contractor to be scheduled.

Stoney Creek Park fountain was not operating properly so we sent a crew out in a rowboat to access it. A clog from algae being trapped in it was removed. It clogged a second time on August 5th and now needs to be replaced.

Memorial Park Scoreboard controller was reset and the scoreboard was re-lamped.

Other activities include the daily maintenance of the parks and pools.

OLD BUSINESS

Pools Update – As of 7/28 we have 1,296 members which translates to revenue of \$78,000. Additional revenue of approximately \$14,000 - \$18,000 will be coming in for rental of the White's Road Pool to two separate aquatic clubs. Minor repairs have been needed to the facilities. Our COVID -19 plan has been working well.

Skatepark Update – Mr. Lukens reported that the skatepark is officially open for use. A mural is in progress on the backside of one of the ramps that faces the parking lot. An issue with hydrostatic pressure forcing some water into the base of the bowl has come up. Borough inspectors are working with RVE and the contractor to come up with a solution. The current solution recommended is to

remove the base of the bowl install stone to alleviate the pressure and repour the base. The cost for this fix will be \$10,800. A punch list for the contractors will be created by RVE

Councilman Henning made a motion to name the skatepark the Carl W. Saldutti, Jr Skatepark. The motion was seconded by Councilwomen Currie Teoh. The motion passed 3 -0.

Options of a grand opening date were discussed. The committee agreed to wait until the spring to unveil the sign and hold a dedication ceremony.

Mr. Lukens announced the formation of a Friends of the Skatepark group who can help educate users on park hours, provide facemasks to anyone that needs one, clean up trash and mentor other skaters.

Discussion on the possibility of a water vending machine being placed in the area or a water fountain as well as the placement of a port a pot and additional trash cans were held.

White's Road Park Playground – The playground bid was advertised on 7/31 & 8/4 the bid opening is scheduled for 8/25 at 11:00am. Site work to be completed in house has begun.

NEW BUSINESS

Skatepark Landscape and/or fencing – Bids for fencing around the skatepark were reviewed. The cost ranged from \$7,000 - \$13,000. Discussion was held on the need for fencing versus adding additional trees and shrubs to help with sound and the look of the park. The committee would like to see landscaping used as natural fencing and will revisit any needed fencing in the future.

Liberty Bell Trail Extension – Mr. Lukens reported the Stony Creek Park section of the Liberty Bell Trail came in over budget. The Borough is reaching out to DCNR for addition funding. We expect to hear back before the Council Business meeting if additional funds will be awarded. Councilman Henning made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Councilwomen Currie Teoh. The motion passed 3 -0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:34 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

Zoom