

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Parks & Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Kip McFatrige, Commissioner Cheryl Lockard, Patrick T. Stasio, Director of Parks & Recreation Department

- I. **Call to Order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull called the meeting to order following the conclusion of the Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioners McFatrige and Lockard and Patrick T. Stasio, Director, Parks & Recreation Department. Also present: Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance in the absence of David A. Dodies, Township Manager, and Jennifer Prior, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - nothing to report.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - April 15, 2019: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports** - April 2019:
 - A. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report - Mr. Stasio provided the following updates:
 - Playgrounds are being filled with safety surface material and installation should be completed by the end of the week.
 - Community members are donating trees and benches in memory of someone. An American Linden tree was installed with a plaque at Masons Mill Park last week and a few more benches will be delivered shortly. Anyone interested can call the Department of Parks and Recreation to receive guidelines and information.
 - Kate Kollar and Lisa Pearsall, staff member, were commended for their work on the supervised playground and teen camp programs, which are close to full. Ms. Kollar, Recreation Coordinator, was elected President of the Pennsylvania Recreation Parks Society District 3, which is the eastern third of the State of Pennsylvania.
 - Maintenance crews are working hard to prepare the athletic fields between rain storms.
 - A new playground was installed at Blair Mill Park and Public Works is installing the sidewalk for completion in two weeks.
 - B. Library Board of Trustees Report: Margie Peters, Executive Director, Upper Moreland Public Library Board of Trustees, provided the following updates:
 - New furniture was purchased and the lobby area has been rearranged with a self-checkout machine.
 - The main circulation desk was redesigned by AHAdams & Company and is being reviewed by Paul Purtell, Director of Code.
 - A grant was approved by Upper Moreland Education Foundation in the amount of \$850 to purchase audio books and downloadable e-books, that are required summer reading titles. This the first-time duplicates can be purchased in a different format.
 - Summer Quest Kick-Off will be held Saturday, June 2, 2019, 1 to 3 p.m., with activities for children and adults, snacks and a special Mad Science Show.
 - Beanstack is an electronic registration tool available for children to track summer reading logs and collect prize incentives.

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- Work will be done outside of the Library building to upgrade the network and connectivity to fiber optics and a wider bandwidth in order for the Library to comply with the MCLINC contract through Educational Networks of America.
- A generator will be repurposed and installed near the staff door in the Fall.
- Election Day poll workers were commended for helping everyone ease through the new paper ballots.
- As of July, there will be a Trustee opening on the Library Board of Trustees as John Paul Mugford is moving out of the area. Applications can be obtained at the Library or online. Trustees meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Commissioner Scull inquired on the bulletin board regulations. Ms. Peters stated that all news from all community organizations is posted on the Library's electronic bulletin board which must be non-profit and local. The policy is available online and Ms. Peters will provide the comments at the next Board of Trustees' meeting.

V. **Old Business:** Mr. Stasio provided the following updates:

A. Consideration of a centerpiece at the entrance to Veterans Memorial Park:

- Commissioner Scull suggested an idea for a monument representing various former businesses commemorating Willow Grove's past and the Historical Association can provide information on these businesses.

B. Masons Mill Parking Lot and Water Conversion:

- Work started in early April and the water, sewer and electrical will be hooked up by the end of the week. The parking lot is progressing and expected to be completed in July. A rain garden will be installed near Byberry Road and Masons Mill Road to catch runoff from the parking lot.

C. Master Trail Plan:

- The first public meeting held on May 8, 2019 to solicit input on the Trail Plan was successful with over 60 attendees. The Steering Committee is focused and working well. The next public meeting is anticipated to be held in Hatboro.
- Commissioner Spearing commented on PennDOT's repaving of Fitzwatertown Road to include a bike trail and suggested connecting it to North Hills Road. Mr. Stasio stated that Montgomery County representatives have been attending the Steering Committee meetings and are working closely to share information, data and maps with Gilmore & Associates for connectivity to many areas.
- Commissioner Spearing inquired on obtaining access to the area adjacent to the train tracks where there is a pipeline and sewer right-of-way. Mr. Stasio stated that all possible areas are being considered using aerial photos, maps, community members and County's findings to identify viable opportunities for trails.

D. Friends of Boileau Park Lease Agreement – Attorney for Boileau to draft proposed revisions to submit to Committee and Solicitor for review - nothing to report.

VI. **New Business** - nothing to report.

VII. **Other Items** - nothing to report.

VIII. **Visitor Comments** - nothing to report.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

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- Commissioner Spearing announced June Fete will be held June 7-9, 2019 and the Willow Grove Car Show will be held on June 8, 2019.

X. **Adjournment** - There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.