

**Upper Moreland Township  
Committees Meetings  
March 21, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**

**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Parks and Recreation Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Cheryl Lockard, Commissioner Anthony S. Prousi, Patrick T. Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

- I. **Call to Order:** Commissioner and Chair Nicholas O. Scull, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Committee Chair Scull, Commissioners Lockard, Prousi, and Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation. Also present were Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes - February 28, 2022** - The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports for February 2022** - Mr. Stasio reported the following:
    - Companies were contacted that submitted plans to be considered for the Woodlawn Master Park Plan and meetings with Simone Collins Landscape Architecture are being scheduled.
    - Women's Softball has resumed after 20 years and games are held on Friday nights at Masons Mill Park.
    - The Golden Age Club is holding meetings and trips are taking place.
    - Office Staff is coordinating details for Summer Camp programs.
    - The Maintenance Crew is preparing athletic fields, safety surfaces are being installed at all playgrounds, topsoil and seed have been placed, and all picnic tables have been resurfaced.
    - Commissioner Scull inquired on the status of the grant submission for Farmstead Park.
      - Mr. Stasio explained the following:
        - The MOU and Covenant were approved;
        - Some funds are being repositioned with recommendations from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission;
        - An organization is assisting with some of the bid documents;
        - A full report on the structure is being prepared, submission of the bid will take place in the Summer, and an award is expected in the Fall;
        - Some work will begin in late Fall and a Spring/Summer 2023 start is anticipated on the full project;
        - An environmental plan is also being drafted;
        - Contracts from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) are expected to be received by April.
    - Participants in the Summer camp programs will be required to bring their own snacks and lunch. Transportation will be by rented buses, which cost less than renting vans.
  - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** - Melissa Osborne, reported the following:
    - Installation of the ADA accessibility emergency exit doors are completed.

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- Thanks in advance to the Township for funding improvements to the Library's restrooms.
- Library staff members will offer activities at the Equity Alliance of Upper Moreland Community Day Event on April 2nd, at the Earth Day Event on April 23rd in the Upper Moreland Outdoor Environmental Education Center, and at the Senior Event on April 29th.
- There is a variety of 28 museum passes that are available free to patrons.
- The 2022 Annual Friends of the Library fundraiser brochure will be distributed on April 18th.
- A new wifi access has been purchased and installed, which reaches the Library's parking lot and allows access to the public when the Library is closed.

**VI. Old Business:**

A. Shade Tree Ordinance/Tree City USA:

- Mr. Candland explained that the draft includes all the comments that were made at previous Committee meetings, and the Shade Tree Committee will be advisory rather than regulatory.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting to advertise an ordinance.

B. Herbicide Spray:

- The Committee will continue a discussion at the April 18, 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

C. Woodlawn Park Master Plan:

- Mr. Stasio explained that Commissioner McFatridge will oversee a steering committee and a meeting schedule is being created.
- Commissioner McFatridge announced that anyone interested in serving on the committee should send their contact information as soon as possible to Mr. Candland at [mccandland@uppermoreland.org](mailto:mccandland@uppermoreland.org).

**VII. New Business:**

A. DCNR Grant

- Mr. Stasio explained a resolution is being prepared for a grant application in the amount of \$200,000 and the submission deadline is April 8, 2022.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting.

B. Park Neighbor Meetings:

1. Mill Creek Park, 3/29, 6:30 PM at the park basketball courts:

- Mr. Stasio stated that a discussion will be held to update residents on a grant application in the amount \$1M to widen Mill Road and add a cut-through from Mill Road to Bonnet Lane.
- Commissioner Spearing shared that the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) suggested creation of an educational raingarden.

2. Farmstead Park, 4/5, 6:30 PM at the Farmhouse:

- Mr. Stasio stated that a discussion will be held to update residents on environmental changes and structural improvements to the buildings.

C. Increase in the Use of Tree Funds:

- Mr. Stasio held a detailed discussion on the budget and planning the facilitation of Commissioner Lockard's request to raise the limit from \$8,000 to \$15,000 to plant trees.

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- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting.

D. Easter event request at Mill Creek Park:

- Pastor Bernard and his wife Patrice from Truth United Ministries Church discussed details of a request to host Easter Egg Hunts on April 9, 2022, 12-3 p.m., which is open to the public for children and a separate one for adults.
- Commissioner Prousi asked that event information be provided to advertise on the Township website's News Flash.
- Commissioner Spearing suggested notifying the neighbors of the event, which may help with overflow of parking.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting.

VIII. **Other Parks and Recreation Items:**

A. Summer Camp Staffing Concerns:

- Mr. Stasio updated that registration for programs is sold out and, that there is a low turnout of applicants to fill the camp counselor positions.
- An increase in wages and an increase in registration fees were discussed as potential solutions.

IX. **Visitor Comments** - Nothing to report.

X. **Commissioner Comments** - Nothing to report.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.