

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:** Commissioners and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioners Lockard and Prousi, 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 Alex Baumlner, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2022:**
Margie Peters, Library Director, amended page two, third arrow comment to read, "...a \$2,500 Grant...". Commissioner Lockard amended page one, Section II, Roll Call, "Absent: Commissioner Lockard.". The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports for April 2022** - Mr. Stasio reported the following:
 - Continuing work with Montgomery County on the County Trail and the proposal for Upper Moreland will be presented at the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting.
 - Masons Mill Park pond is stocked with fish, which is catch and release only.
 - A full-time position in the Maintenance area has been filled by someone from the Public Works Department.
 - A contractor will be hardscaping at Masons Mill, as soon as the wet weather subsides.
 - The Golden Age Club has resumed monthly meetings and their trip schedule.
 - Kate Kollar, Program Coordinator, has done a great job managing and organizing summer camp programs. There is a registration waitlist, which could be reduced if counselor positions are filled.
 - Graffiti has increased throughout the Township and the Maintenance Crew is trying to stay ahead of the removal while the police work to catch the perpetrators.
 - Staff members are attending various monthly Best Management Practice trainings and equipment seminars.
 - Commissioner Scull inquired on the status of plantings at Fair Oaks Park basin. Mr. Stasio replied that the landscape architect recommended planting in September for better survival. Volunteers from McMahan Associates, the Environmental Advisory Council, Pennypack Ecological Trust and Giant Supermarkets will plant approximately 4,000-5,000 plants, which will be ordered late June, received in early September, with a date to be determined for the planting work.
 - Commissioner Prousi reminded about the rules when using the archery range at Masons Mill Park.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** - Maureen Wenik, Trustee, reported on the following:
 - Outreach items:

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- Staff members provided a children’s activity during the Earth Day Event at Masons Mill Park.
- The historical librarian presented to the Rotary Club “The History of Libraries in the U.S.”
- Staff members participated in a Student Fair, sponsored by Representatives Guenst and Sanchez.
- Yoga Story Times are being offered on Tuesday mornings through August 10, 2022.
- Pop Up Story Times are being offered on Wednesdays through August 17, 2022.
- In the Library:
 - Summer Quest Reading for children and adults begins June 19, 2022, and the theme is “Oceans of Possibilities”.
 - Resuming test proctoring for the public and the Quiet Study Room is open.
 - Orientation sessions for teen and adult volunteers are being planned.
 - The EAC’s community survey on single-use plastic bags is stationed in the front lobby.
 - A commercial was filmed for Hatboro Federal Bank at the main reading table area.
 - Hardcopies of the book “Saturday” by Oge Mora, the 2022 selection for Pennsylvania’s One Book Early Literacy Initiative, were distributed to 10 area preschools and one to each preschool classroom at Queen Of Angels Elementary School.
 - Thanked doners for their contributions to the Annual Friends of The Library’s Fundraiser.
- Commissioner Prousi inquired about the status of the revised Naming Right policy and the new voice activated fire alarm. Ms. Peters replied that work on the fire alarm is moving along slowly because of delays with parts, and the Naming Right policy is being reviewed in accordance with the by-laws.

VI. Old Business – Mr. Stasio reviewed the following:

A. Woodlawn Park Master Plan Development:

- The first public meeting with Simone Collins will be held on May 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m., in the Township Building’s Council Room. The main focus will be to generate ideas from the community on developing the park.
- The Committee will continue a discussion at a future meeting.

B. Fair Oaks Park Sale Resolution:

- Mr. Baumler summarized the Orphans Court process involved in the sale of small portions of park property to residents abutting the park.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting.

C. Downtown Fountain:

- Options were discussed to add a pavilion carousel-style picnic table with a solar recharger, remove the old fountain, or install a refillable drinking dispenser.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting on the carousel-style picnic table.

VII. New Business:

A. DCNR Required Signature for Farmstead Grant:

- Mr. Stasio explained that the Township’s Solicitor is required to provide their signature.

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B. UMSD Agreement for Summer Swimming Pool Use:

- Mr. Stasio explained that each year the Township enters into an agreement with the School District and a signature is required from the President of the Board of Commissioners.

C. 5K at Memorial Park:

- Mr. Stasio announced that a 5K will be held on September 17, 2022 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

VIII. Other Parks and Recreation Items:

A. New Assistant Recreation Coordinator:

- Mr. Stasio announced that a new hire will start on May 31, 2022 with a philosophy and experience that lends itself to the Department.

IX. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

X. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Prousi announced:
 - The Historical Association's Lecture Series will have a presentation on May 24, 2022, 7:30 p.m., at the Library and on Zoom entitled, "1913 Gettysburg Reunion Attended By 53,000 Civil War Veterans".
 - Wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend and reminded everyone to remember all those who served our country.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.