

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. Also present: Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation, Colleen Marsini, Township Solicitor, Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director Finance in the absence of Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager,
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2022:**
 - Commissioner Scull amended Section VI., page two, Item D, ninth arrow to read, "...\$80,700 in ARPA funding."
 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports for October 2022** - Mr. Stasio reported the following:
 - Public Works crew finished paving the Masons Mill trail and the Parks and Recreation crew is backfilling the trails with topsoil, seed and straw.
 - Letters were sent regarding sale of property to neighbors at Fair Oaks Park explaining delays in the Orphans Court system.
 - Golden Age Club is continuing with trips and monthly meetings.
 - Kate Kollar, Program Coordinator, and Jen Hartigan, Recreation Assistant, have created a schedule of Fall programs, that of which some are already filled.
 - Commissioner Spearing suggested the idea to place educational signage in Fair Oaks Basin identifying the plantings along the trails in the area of Maryland Road.
 - Commissioner Prousi commented that the Gaga pits in certain parks accumulate trash.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Melissa Osbourne, Trustee, reviewed items on the report:
 - Applications are being accepted to fill two Board of Trustee vacancies. More information on the volunteer positions can be found on the website or can be picked up at the Library.
 - Friends of the Library are looking to fill Executive Committee member positions, including a treasurer. For more information about the positions, email thefriendsofumfpl@gmail.com. Their annual meeting is November 15, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Library's Community Room.
 - Family Friendly Fundraiser will be held at the Library on New Year's Eve with games, activities and refreshments. Sponsorship levels are available and raffle donations are being accepted.
 - Amanda Mills starts the new full-time Youth Services Librarian position on November 13,

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- The Historical Association will give a presentation on October 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Open Mic Night is November 29, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Commissioner Prousi requested a list of two months of calendar events going forward in their report.

VI. **Old Business** – Mr. Stasio reviewed updates to the following items:

A. **Woodlawn Park Master Plan Development:**

- The third public meeting will be held on October 26, 2022 at 7 p.m. There will be a review of the draft concept plan, which encompasses many public's comments that include a baseball field, basketball courts, play equipment, walking trails, and a recreation building. Cost estimates will be attained once the plan is finalized.
- Commissioner Prousi suggested the idea of optional concept plans with budget information for phasing in a recreational building. Mr. Stasio explained that the Township is in need of a recreational building but, after further review, another site may be more appropriate. A concrete pad at Woodlawn Park could be used for creative alternatives such a concerts.
- Commissioner Spearing commented that it is important to maintain relationships with facilities such as the YMCA and the schools that have indoor recreational accommodations.

B. **Landscape bed herbicide treatment alternative at Masons Mill Park:**

- Salt and vinegar solution has been minimally successful, weeds return more frequently, the solution effects other healthy plants and needs to be applied often requiring more staff hours. The crew will continue applying the solution in the Spring and re-evaluate its effectiveness. There are more expensive products that contain less concentrations of Roundup that are applied, which work very well.

C. **Tree City USA update:**

- Four criteria to submit an application include: Tree Commission Meetings, a Tree Ordinance, \$2 per capita or \$50,000 per year spent for tree care, planting and staffing, and the observance of Arbor Day each year.
 - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

VII. **New Business:**

A. **Pumpkins On Parade recap** – Mr. Stasio reported the following:

- The event was a success filled with a night of activities for approximately 800 people. Thanked the many volunteers that include the maintenance crew, Parks and Recreation Advisory Council, members of the Key Club, other groups that assisted the Police Department and staff from the Library. Kate Kollar, Program Coordinator, and Jen Hartigan, Recreation Assistant, were commended for their work.

VIII. **Other Parks and Recreation Items** -Nothing to report.

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

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9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.