

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, Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor, Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2022:** 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:
 - Communication continues with residents regarding the development of Woodlawn Park.
 - Grants were received from Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the purchase of Woodlawn Park and environmental improvements at Farmstead Park.
 - Commended Kate Kollar, Program Coordinator, for organizing the Fall recreational programs.
 - Pumpkins On Parade was a successful event, which hosted 300 youngsters and several thousand visitors during that evening.
 - Ms. Kollar is working with the Farmstead Alliance on the structure improvements to four buildings at the park.
 - The maintenance crew repaired the playground slide at Masons Mill Park.
 - Delaware Valley Insurance Trust’s annual safety report conveyed that the maintenance crew performed outstandingly on safety and liability issues in the Township’s parks. Minor comments are being addressed and will be recorded with DVIT.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – David Hakes, Treasurer, reviewed the following items:
 - Thanked the Board of Commissioners for considering 2023 budget requests and approving allocations.
 - Two Board positions are open for terms of three years and interested candidates must be residents. The job descriptions and applications can be found at: uppermorelandlibrary.org.
 - Friends of Upper Moreland Free Public Library are seeking new committee members, including a treasurer. Candidates are not required to be residents and can directly email: thefriendsofumfpl.com.
 - Everyone is invited to the Friends of Upper Moreland Free Public Library New Year’s Eve fundraiser, which will offer a countdown, contests, crafts and refreshments. Anyone interested in donating items for a fundraising raffle basket can contact the Library.
 - Two new programs are being offered and more details can be found on the Library’s

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website for: Teens/Tweens Advisory Group and a Library Speakers Consortium.

- VI. **Old Business** – Mr. Stasio reviewed updates on the following items:
- A. Woodlawn Park Master Plan Development:
 - The Steering Committee will meet on November 30, 2022 at 7 p.m. to review the draft concept plan with consultants, which will be posted for public review.
 - B. Farmstead Park Environmental Improvement Bid Results:
 - Two grants received total over \$700,000 for trail and parking lot improvements.
 - Bid specs have been approved by DCNR and are ready to be advertised in December for an opening in January, award by March, with construction to start in April or May, and completion by September.
- VII. **New Business** – Mr. Stasio discussed the following item:
- A. Allen Myers Utilization of Upper Moreland property at Surrey Lane and Lancaster Place:
 - Property near the Village Green Apartment complex will be used to stage construction equipment during improvement work to the Warminster Road Bridge.
 - Suggested creating a Memorandum Of Understanding for contractors stipulating that the staged area be returned to its former condition.
 - Concerned about the flood zone and equipment potentially creating barriers that restrict water flow.
 - Stated that notification be given to residents by the Township and the contractors as well.
 - Optional staging areas include Lancaster Place and in the front parking lot area of the Village Green Apartments.
 - Mr. Candland suggested contacting PennDOT to request sharing a standard staging agreement that complies with PEMA parameters.
 - Commissioner Lockard suggested requiring a deposit from the contractor.
 - Mr. Stasio will follow up further on obtaining an agreement.
- VIII. **Other Parks and Recreation Items** -Nothing to report.
- IX. **Visitor Comments** – Nothing to report.
- X. **Commissioner Comments:**
- Commissioner Scull inquired about the status of bid specifications for the Farmstead Park building structures. Mr. Stasio replied that a timeline was provided to the engineers that includes: bid specifications prepared by mid-January, an advertisement placed in March, bids opened in April, and the start of construction in the Summer.
 - Mr. Stasio announced that the December 19, 2022 Woodlawn Park Public Meeting to present the Draft Master Plan is cancelled and a notification will be posted with the rescheduled date.
 - Mr. Stasio stated that Kate Kollar partnered with the Farmstead Alliance to do a pop-up holiday picture day at Farmstead Park, which resulted in registration filling up immediately and a successful turnout.
 - Commissioner Prousi commented that there have been a number of successful events recently held at Farmstead Park and encouraged that additional events continue to promote the Park.
- XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.