

## **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting**

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order following the conclusion of the Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Scull, McFatrige and Lockard; and Mr. Stasio. Also present: David Dodies, Township Manager, and David J. Sander, Township Solicitor
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - November 27, 2017: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report - Mr. Stasio made the following comments:
    - Maintenance crews performed emergency snow removal in parking lots at the Township building, Library, firehouses, and Township owned sidewalks.
    - Bare root trees were planted in various parks during the late Fall with assistance from the Environmental Advisory Council.
    - Recreation Department is busy finishing up the end of the 2017 Fall season, and are planning Spring and Summer activities and camp programs.
      - Commissioner Lockard noted that a Safety Town building was sold. Mr. Stasio stated that one building remains available, and explained that the high school art teacher and students will construct the building during April/May and paint it in June/July.
  - B. Library Board of Trustees Report - John Mugford, President of the Upper Moreland Library Board, introduced himself and provided the following updates:
    - New Year's Eve event was a great success with over 75 residents attending festivities, and the Public Works Department was thanked for installing lights around the Library.
    - "First Friday In February Fund Raiser" is February 2, 2018.
    - Work is being planned for the rain barrel learning station of the Upper Moreland Outdoor Environmental Education Center to be located on the front patio of the Library.
    - "One Book, One County" selection is "A Gentlemen In Moscow" by Amor Towles scheduled for April 4, 2018, 2 p.m., at Ursinus College, and 7 p.m. at Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. Masons Mill Park Parking Lot Expansion:
    - Mr. Stasio stated that a proposal includes an 83-car parking lot, stormwater retention areas, sidewalk around half of the lot, curbing, security lighting and emergency vehicle access. He attended a meeting with Public Works and Gilmore & Associates and determined that Public Works can perform the sidewalk improvement and base and top coats, but not sub work or curb work, for a total savings of \$62,718.
    - The Committee discussed options that would be more cost effective and directed Township Solicitor to contact the owners of Masons Mill Business Campus regarding a

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long-term lease for use of their parking lot by visitors to Masons Mill Park.

**B. Masons Mill Park Water and Sanitary Sewer Conversion:**

- Mr. Stasio stated Gilmore & Associates are designing plans. The Committee directed Township Solicitor to attend the meeting that will be scheduled with Masons Mill Business Campus, Bryn Athyn, the Sewer Authority, and their solicitors to discuss utilizing the sewer line owned by Masons Mill Business Campus.
  - Commissioner Spearing commented on the Business Campus' privately-owned sewer line that runs through the Township's right-of-way and suggested that it be included in negotiations at the meeting.
  - Mr. Mugford, a resident, commented that a parking lot extension would attract additional visitors and create overcrowding in the park. He suggested enhancing another park in the area to save trees and avoid costs of building a new lot, as well as potential safety issues in and around the park.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. Township Newsletter:** Mr. Stasio stated the following:

- A Pickle Ball program survey received highly favorable responses. Comments for improvements have resulted in implementing new procedures to improve the program and keep up with expansion.
- "Calls From Santa" returned over 40 phone calls to children over the holidays. Volunteers for future programs are welcome to contact the Parks & Recreation Department for more information.
- Fourteen holiday ornament cards were received and holiday gifts were given to participants for their creative work.

**VII. Other Items:**

- Mr. Stasio stated that Representative Tom Murt is requesting permission to use Veterans Memorial Park to hold a candlelight vigil on Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7:30-8:30 pm, to promote peace, tolerance and understanding for community members to gather in response to different actions that have taken place across the country and in this area. No assistance is required from the Township. The Committee agreed to the request for use of the park and Mr. Stasio will respond accordingly to Representative Murt.

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

**IX. Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Scull stated that he was happy to chair his first Committee meeting and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the community.

**X. Adjournment -** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.