

## **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:** Commission and Chair Scull called the meeting to order following the conclusion of the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting at 7:20 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Scull, McFatrige and Lockard; and Katie Kollar, Parks & Recreation Coordinator. Absent: Mr. Stasio. Also present: David Dodies, Township Manager, and Jennifer Prior, Township Solicitor
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - January 29, 2018: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report - Ms. Kollar provided the following updates:
    - Maintenance crews have been performing winter clean up and will install 50 new recycling containers within the parks, focusing first on the sports fields.
    - Maintenance staff has begun construction of two new "Little Libraries" which will be installed in the Spring at Fair Oaks Park and Fern Village.
    - The newsletter is expected to be in homes by the end of March.
    - Reservation requests from residents are being accepted for Pavilion Safety Town. Non-resident requests will be accepted starting March 1, 2018.
    - Hiring procedures are being updated for seasonal staff positions.
    - The Golden Age Club is partnering with organizations that promote healthy lifestyles and increase knowledge. There will be a presentation at the Library on Savannah, Georgia, and a trip is planned for later in the year.
    - "Aging in Place With Grace" was presented on January 23, 2018 to Golden Age members.
  - B. Library Board of Trustees Report - Juan Suarez Romero, Vice President of the Upper Moreland Library Board, introduced himself and provided the following updates:
    - The rain barrel learning station of the Upper Moreland Outdoor Environmental Education Center was approved for installation by Youngscape, Inc.
    - "First Friday of February Fundraiser" was held February 2, 2018 and raised over \$1,700. Thanks was given to all individuals and businesses that provided sponsorship and who donated items and gift baskets.
    - A Self-Pickup area for requested items has been made available at the front desk.
    - Friends of the Library donated funds for new furniture to be installed in the Silent Space and Community Room.
    - New outlets were installed to allow patrons to charge electronic devices.
    - "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.

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- V. **Old Business:** Ms. Kollar provided the following updates:
- A. **Masons Mill Park Parking Lot Expansion:**
- The Township Solicitor will contact Masons Mill Business Campus owners to schedule a meeting to discuss options for a long-term lease to use their parking lot. Pedestrian safety and maintenance issues will be included.
    - Commissioner McFatridge commented on pedestrian safety to cross Masons Mill Road and suggested installing a sidewalk from the parking lot. Ms. Prior, Township Solicitor, stated that the Business Campus was amenable to safety measures and suggested that the Township provide an outline of terms for a sidewalk.
- B. **Masons Mill Park Water and Sanitary Sewer Conversion:**
- A meeting was held between UMHJSA, Masons Mill Business Campus, and Solicitors to discuss sewer connection opportunities and it is estimated to be completed by Fall 2018.
- VI. **New Business:**
- A. **Application for a DCNR Grant Application for Master Trail Plan:**
- Ms. Kollar stated that a Resolution is required in order to submit a Grant application that is due in mid-April. Cost of the comprehensive Master Trail Plan is between \$50,000-\$60,000 with a match of 50% of the total cost. The Committee directed the Township Solicitor to draft a resolution for action at the March 5, 2018 Regular Meeting authorizing a grant application be submitted to DCNR on behalf of the Township to fund the Master Trail Plan.
    - Commissioner Spearing commented on the positive effects of trail connectivity throughout the Township.
- VII. **Other Items:**
- A. **Summer Program Offerings:**
- Ms. Kollar stated that preliminary information is listed online. Online registration opens March 23, 2018, and walk-in registration starts on April 2, 2018. There are playground, sports, and speciality camp programs available.
- VIII. **Visitor Comments** - Nothing to report.
- IX. **Commissioner Comments:**
- Commissioner Spearing commented that he would like an update at a future Committee Meeting on athletic field availability for Township activities.
- X. **Adjournment** - There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.