

## **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:** Commissioner and Chair Scull; Commissioners McFatrige and Lockard; and Mr. Stasio. Absent: David A. Dodies, Township Manager. Also present: Randall Schaible, Director of Finance and Assistant Township Manager representing David A. Dodies, in his absence, and Jennifer Prior, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - February 26, 2018: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report - Mr. Stasio provided the following updates:
    - The printed newsletter will be mailed by the end of the week. Residents should receive their copy during the week of March 26, 2018.
    - Signs were ordered for Pileggi Park and Masons Mill Park and will be installed by the end of April or early May.
    - Spring and Summer programs are being coordinated and posted to the website at uppermorelandrec.com. Registrations can be completed online and walk in registrations will be accepted starting April 2, 2018.
    - Polar Bear Dance was a success, at the Willow Grove Fire Hall on Davisville Road, with over 100 youngsters participating.
      - Commissioner Scull commented that the street number address on the Boileau Park sign is down.
  - B. Library Board of Trustees Report - Anthony DelVecchio, a member of the Upper Moreland Library Board of Trustees, introduced himself and provided the following updates:
    - Two signs were purchased and will be installed at the drainage swale and at the rain barrel as part of the Upper Moreland Outdoor Environmental Education Center.
    - 2018 Roll-N-Stroll at Masons Mill Park will be May 5, 2018, 10 am to 12 pm. More information can be found at uppermorelandlibrary.org.
    - Pennsylvania Annual Trustee Workshop will be held at Montgomery County Community College, April 21, 2018, entitled "Sustainable Thinking for The Future of Libraries".
    - "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. More information can be found at uppermorelandlibrary.org and montcolibraries.org.
    - "Beads-N-Books" fundraiser will be April 21, 2018, 10 am to 3 pm, in the Community Room of the Library. All proceeds go to support the Friends of The Library.
- V. **Old Business:** Mr. Stasio provided the following updates:

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A. Masons Mill Park Parking Lot Expansion:

- The Township Solicitor is working to draft a long-term lease agreement to use Masons Mill Business Campus parking lot which includes a Lot Maintenance Plan. Mr. Stasio is obtaining estimates for sidewalks, crosswalk and signalization to ensure pedestrian safety, and will provide an update at a future Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.
  - Donald Warner, 437 Tanner Road, commented on the \$90,000 cost of Masons Mill crosswalk, and suggested that the road be shaved thereby removing the hump to make the view observable from both directions, and save on costs for additional mechanisms.

B. Masons Mill Park Water and Sanitary Sewer Conversion:

- Meetings are ongoing between UMHJSA, Masons Mill Business Campus, Township Engineers, and Solicitors to plan a sewer connection with conversion estimated by September/October, 2018.
  - Commissioner Valenza inquired on the location of the sewer lateral connection. Mr. Stasio stated two options: the first, is to run a sewer line from the Park restroom straight across Masons Mill Road connecting into the Business Campus line which is 50 yards from Byberry Road. The second option is to turn a sewer line along Masons Mill Road and connect at Byberry Road. Details are being worked out to determine who the Township will pay and the fee for the connection.
  - Commissioner Lavelle commented that the best long-term scenario is to place the connection using the Township right-of-way and suggested that Mr. Stasio access the site plan and overlay the two scenarios for comparison. Mr. Stasio stated that he will make the plans available if the issue is not resolved by the Sewer Authority in time for the next Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.
  - Mr. Shannon, a resident, commented on the Masons Mill Business Campus failed sewer system that occurred years prior and how the Township assisted them to resolve the issue. Mr. Stasio stated that the Business Campus has been very receptive to the Township's requests with no issues.

**VI. New Business:**

A. Spring Outdoor Township and School Facility Use: Mr. Stasio provided the following updates:

- All School District and Township outdoor fields permit requests are coordinated by the Parks & Recreation Department. The School District provides approval on a list of requests for their fields. Approximately 75% of requests are met, because of a shortage of facilities due to a number of groups that frequent them. The School District is developing a policy for their synthetic fields which will include availability and costs. Two School District fields that were resurfaced with sod last Fall are currently closed and will reopen in the Fall of 2018.

**VII. Other Items:**

A. Alan Sentman, President of Friends of Boileau Farm, briefly reviewed restorations and new projects occurring at the Farm. Mr. Sentman requested permission from the Board of Commissioners at the April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting to hold the Annual Spring Event on May 5, 2018 from 11 am to 3 pm at Boileau Park.

- Commissioner Spearing commented on a grant application for proposed stormwater management improvements at the Park and suggested the Park assist in encouraging

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raingardens on neighboring properties. Mr. Sentman stated that the Park is aware of the grant application and is looking forward to working on the improvements.

B. Veterans Memorial Park Fountain – Mr. Schaible provided the following updates:

- James Faber, Township Landscape Architect, McCloskey & Faber, is reviewing options and preparing estimates to restore the Fountain.

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

IX. **Commissioner Comments** - Nothing to report.

X. **Adjournment** - There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.