

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull called the meeting to order following the conclusion of the Finance & Administrative Committee Meeting at 7:21 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull and Commissioners McFatridge and Lockard. Katie Kollar, Program Coordinator, Parks & Recreation Department. Absent: Mr. Stasio. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager and Jennifer Prior, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - June 18, 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:
 - Hiring of staff continues for summer programs.
 - Sports, specialty camps and the supervised playground program have started.
 - Maintenance crews are preparing athletic fields for youth and Township leagues. Crews also assisted with installation of the helicopter at Veterans Memorial Park.
 - B. Library Board of Trustees Report: Anthony DeVecchio, a member of the Upper Moreland Public Library Board of Trustees, provided the following updates:
 - Jim Moran, Children's Librarian, is retiring after 20 years of service. Library patrons are invited to express their wishes by signing a card between July 24-27, 2018 and attend a special sendoff party on July 27, 2018 from 1-3 p.m.
 - Department of Environmental Education Mini Grant Final Report for the Upper Moreland Outdoor Educational Center field trips was submitted on time.
 - "Summer Kick-Off & Community Resources Day" was successfully held on June 16, 2018 and thanks was given to the Township for lending the fire truck, ambulance and SWAT vehicles, which the children extremely enjoyed.
 - Blow Out Used Book Sale will be held on September 1, 2018, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The storage room is being emptied to allow for installation of new shelves, painting and cleaning the floors.
 - A new Lego Club program, which has been exceptionally received, is offered for children 5-8 years old, Mondays, 1-3 p.m., through December 17, 2018.
 - Commissioner Scull suggested that the Board of Commissioners honor Mr. Moran for his 20 years of service.
- V. **Old Business:** Ms. Kollar provided the following updates:
 - A. Veterans Memorial Park Fountain:
 - James Faber, Township Landscape Architect, McCloskey & Faber, is working with a contractor on an estimate to restore the Fountain. An update will be provided at a future Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

B. Alcohol in Parks:

- The Parks & Recreation Advisory Council decided at a meeting earlier this month not to make any new recommendations and to stay with the previous request submitted in 2016 which stated not to permit alcohol in the parks unless approved by special consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

VI. New Business:

A. Veterans Memorial Park Helicopter:

- Commissioner McFatridge stated that the helicopter was featured on KYW News along with interviews at the site. Plaques will be installed and an event is planned at the site at the end of October 2018 with a Medal of Honor presenter.

B. Township Newsletter:

- Ms. Kollar stated that the newsletter will be mailed to homes by September 4, 2018.

C. The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners move for action at the August 6, 2018 Regular Meeting, the proposal from Willow Tree and Landscape Services Inc. for tree removal services in the amount of \$7,075 in conjunction with demolition of 114 and 116 Park Avenue properties, as recommended by James R. Faber, Township Landscape Architect.

VII. Other Items - Ms. Kollar provided the following updates:

A. Summer Camps:

- Enrollment was increased by 75 children for a total of 350.
- Thanked the Parks & Recreation staff for their tremendous work on the programs.

B. Fall Special Events (Touch-A-Truck and Pumpkins on Parade)

- Touch-A-Truck will be held on September 15, 2018, 1-4 p.m., at Woodlawn Park and is partnered with the Fire, Police, Public Works and Parks Departments in addition to County organizations.
- Pumpkins on Parade will be held on October 20, 2018 at Masons Mill Park.

VIII. Visitor Comments:

- Commissioner Spearing commented that the decision on alcohol in the parks was made in consideration of the planned event in Boileau Park and Commissioner Scull agreed that it was appropriate.
- Commissioner Spearing commended Ms. Kollar on her work with the many summer parks programs and was impressed that the programs become enhanced every year.
- Commissioner Spearing inquired on how the rainy weather has affected summer programs. Ms. Kollar stated that many programs were forced to be rescheduled, but alternative plans were easily accommodated.

IX. Commissioner Comments - Nothing to report.

X. Adjournment - There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.