

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Parks & Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Kip McFatrige, 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.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioners McFatrige and Lockard and Katie Kollar, Program Coordinator, Parks & Recreation Department. Absent: Patrick T. Stasio, Director, Parks & Recreation Department. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager and Jennifer Prior, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - January 28, 2019: The meeting minutes were amended in Section IV., Item B. to correct the spelling of David Hicks to David Hakes, and were unanimously approved as amended.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports** - January 2019:
 - A. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report - Ms. Kollar provided the following updates:
 - Bids for Masons Mill Park Improvements project will be moving forward next week.
 - Spring Newsletter has been provided to the printer.
 - Coordination continues for camp events, School District transportation, and staffing the Spring and Summer programs.
 - The maintenance crew have been busy with snow removal, installation of new signs and repairing equipment in the parks.
 - Seasonal maintenance crew staff are being hired.
 - B. Library Board of Trustees Report: David Hakes, a member of the Upper Moreland Public Library Board of Trustees, provided the following updates:
 - Thanked the Township for the new security upgrades to the Library doors with a special thanks to Matt Hocker, Director of Information Systems & Facilities.
 - Thanked Pat Stasio for posting the upcoming programs and events in the 2019 Spring Newsletter.
 - Executive Director, Margie Peters, and Library Board President, John Mugford, attended the Keystone Grant Workshop on January 25, 2019 to consider submitting an application in 2020 for upgrades to the public restrooms.
 - Thanked 44 volunteers by posting their names in the February 17, 2019 Times Chronicle and Public Spirit Newsletter for their service to the community. Special volunteers are being sought by Friends of Upper Moreland Free Public Library to fill two positions on the Executive Committee as a Member-At-Large and a Treasurer. Interested individuals can contact Cathy Gilmore, Volunteer Coordinator, email the Library or submit an application, which can be found on the website at www.umfpl.org.
 - Thanked the Commissioners for their sponsorship donation to Final Friday in February Fundraiser which was a successful event that raised over \$2,000 to benefit the Summer Reading Program and the technology fund, as well as non-operating expenses.
 - "One Book, One County" event will be held April 11, 2019, 2 p.m. at Ursinus College, and 7 p.m., at Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, with author Adriana Trigiani presenting her recent book, "Tony's Wife".

- V. **Old Business:** Ms. Kollar provided the following updates:
- A. Downtown Fountain:
 - Commissioner Scull commented that ideas are welcome for a statue or artwork as a gateway centerpiece for the Township.
 - B. Masons Mill Parking Lot and Water Conversion Bid Memo:
 - Bids were reviewed and posted to PennBid. Signed contracts are expected in two weeks and construction will begin the end of March. The Park will remain operational with no work to be performed during weekends.
 - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners move for action at the March 4, 2019 Regular Meeting, if a recommendation is received in time by the Township Engineer, approval of the award for Masons Mill Parking Lot and Water Conversion project.
- VI. **New Business:**
- A. Friends of Boileau Park – Name Change Request:
 - Alan Sentman, President of Friends of Boileau, stated that the organization recommends renaming Boileau Park to "Farmstead Park", because it was discovered that the Boileau Family did not have legal ties to that parcel of land. English and German immigrants occupied, built and developed the land, and the Boileau Family lived next door.
 - The Committee directed the Township Solicitor to draft a resolution for consideration by the Board of Commissioners at their Regular Meeting on March 4, 2019, approving the request to change the name from Boileau Park to Farmstead Park.
 - B. New Playground for Blair Mill Park:
 - Equipment will be delivered by April 1, 2019 and be installed by a certified playground installer. The Township will install an ADA compliant sidewalk. The project cost is approximately \$49,000 and the playground will be open by mid-May 2019.
 - Commissioner Spearing commented that the Park is located within Horsham Township and recommended inquiring on a building permit.
 - C. 2019 Township Spring Newsletter:
 - The newsletter is at the designer and a proof is expected to be received by early March for approval to print. The mailing to residents is planned by March 25, 2019.
- VII. **Other Items:**
- Annual Polar Bear Prance Dance was held on Friday, February 15, 2019, for grades 3-5, and was a successful event with approximately 110 participants. Lisa Pearsall, Recreation Assistant, was commended for her work at the event.
- 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 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.