

## **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Parks and Recreation Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Cheryl Lockard, Commissioner Anthony S. Prousi, Patrick T. Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

- I. **Call to Order:** Commissioner and Chair Nicholas O. Scull, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioners Prousi and Lockard. Also present: Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation, Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor, Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – March 20, 2023:
  - The Committee unanimously approved as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports for March 2023** - Mr. Stasio reported the following:
    - Working to evaluate potential reuse of the Farmstead Park barn as a recreational facility and a report will be available by the end of June.
    - Full time staff are covering the tasks of a few remaining open positions for seasonal park attendants and workers.
    - The adult softball leagues start playing tonight.
    - Upper Moreland’s First Pickleball Tournament was held this past weekend with over 300 participants. Restrooms failed at Masons Mill Park and port-a-pots were provided.
    - Summer camp registrations are filled and there is a waitlist.
    - Met with neighbors of Farmstead Park to discuss stormwater problems and working on solutions with the Township’s engineers.
    - Commissioner McFatridge commended Mr. Stasio for a successful Pickleball Tournament.
  - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Dave Hakes, Trustee, reviewed the following items:
    - An activity table will be set up for the Earth Day Fair at Masons Mill Park, this Saturday, April 22, 2023.
    - A survey is being created to solicit patrons’ input on Library services as part of an ongoing strategic plan.
    - Friends of The Library have funded the purchase of an internet quick-check catalogue table that includes ADA access, which will be delivered in July.
    - Learn-n-Play Workshop will be held in person on Tuesdays during the month of May from 10-11 a.m. for children ages 1 to 3 years old. Registration is available on the website or at the Information Desk.
- VI. **Old Business** – Mr. Stasio discussed the following:
  - A. **Farmstead Park Roofing Project:**
    - The Farmstead Alliance determined that the Carriage House is in need of the most repairs and requested moving forward with advertising bid specifications for the roof, sub-roof, soffit, bay window, posts, and an out-house.
    - Commissioner Valenza discussed options for funding improvements to the other buildings.

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- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners at the May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting approve advertising bid specifications.

**VII. New Business** – Mr. Stasio discussed the following:

- A. Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Grant Application for Woodlawn Park:
- Simone Collins is preparing a grant application in the amount of \$250,000 to fund additional costs of the project.
  - Commissioner Valenza discussed financing, commented caution with the Township’s budget and tax impact to residents.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners at the May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting approve a resolution to submit a grant application to DCED.

**VIII. Other Parks and Recreation Items:**

- A. Commissioner Scull inquired about contacting SEPTA to rebuild an ice-skating rink near the train station. Mr. Candland explained that he has been working to schedule a meeting. However, at least ten years has passed from the original request for improvements and the arrangement might be cancelled unless a definitive timetable is set.
- B. Mr. Stasio stated that a grant was obtained for Bonnet Lane improvements in the amount of \$250,000 with no Township match and that McMahon Associates will provide a cost to bury the overhead utility wires.
- Commissioner Spearing suggested performing an analysis and the removal of obsolete utility poles and lines, and commented on the need to tie the water main from Mill Road to Spring Avenue.
  - Mr. Stasio stated that the 20-year-old Master Plan calls for widening Mill Road in conjunction with the utility cleanup and he will send the Committee a copy of the Plan to review.

**IX. Visitor Comments** – Nothing to report.

**X. Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioners Spearing and Valenza commended the volunteers of the Little League’s 71<sup>st</sup> Opening Day Ceremony on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, which was attended by the Commissioners, Police Department, and Fire Department. It is a staple in the community and was the largest little league organization in the United States during the 1960s.
- Commissioner Scull reminded that the Environmental Advisory Council is sponsoring the Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Masons Mill Park, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with music, food and educational activities.

**XI. Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.