

## **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, Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor, Mr. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance in the absence of Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – April 17, 2023:
  - The Committee unanimously approved as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports for April 2023** - Mr. Stasio reported the following:
    - Continuing to process a grant application submitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in the amount \$1.25M to ensure approval by the Land & Water Conservation Fund. The grant is planned for the development of Woodlawn Park and the award will be announced in late Winter or early Spring 2024.
    - Reiterated that a grant in the amount of \$200,000 was received from DCNR for the purchase of Woodlawn Park.
    - A grant was received from Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT) to replace bleachers at Pileggi Park.
    - Summer camp registration payments are due by May 26<sup>th</sup> and waitlisted applicants will be notified of any openings.
    - Safety surface made of engineered carpet has been added to all park playgrounds.
    - Restrooms at Masons Mill Park are working and will be reevaluated in the Fall for permanent repairs.
    - Staffing for summer programs now accepts applicants in the 16–17-year-old range, which has helped to alleviate seasonal worker shortages.
  - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Dr. Anthony Giannetti, DMD, a Trustee, reviewed the following items:
    - Commended the Board of Commissioners for investing their time in creating a quality of living in Upper Moreland Township.
    - A survey is being developed by the Library to reassess the needs of the community.
    - The mission statement has been updated to encompass the future goals.
    - A scavenger hunt and popcorn were provided at the Earth Day Fair held at Masons Mill Park.
    - Representative Nancy Guent's office will provide services in the Community Room on May 26<sup>th</sup> to the community.
    - Spice kits with recipes are available for pick up that enhance the knowledge of cooking.
    - Book authors hold virtual presentations and the most recent was on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Another is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

VI. **Old Business** – Mr. Stasio discussed the following:

A. Farmstead Park Structure Improvement Project Re-Bid:

- Bids will be advertised in early- and mid-June specifically for the Carriage House, which was the majority of the previous bid package for repairs that include: restore the roofing system by removing the existing roof to include dormers, cinderblock chimney, front bay windows, the west sill plate, reinforcing peak of the roof with interior support beams, frame out the front façade and install beams to complete the window area, replace the structure framing of the shed, add new primary beams. The bid is planned to be awarded in July.
- Commissioner Prousi commented about focusing funds on the Carriage House and concerns about funding for all the buildings. Mr. Stasio explained that bids will be evaluated to determine the budget to move forward with the Farmhouse, which is not in complete disrepair. Separate funds will provide for diminishment of the Cottage. There is a plan how to rebuild the Springhouse, and assist with removal of fencing at the Barn.
- The Committee requested an updated list of items planned, costs and a timeline for discussion at the June 19, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- The Committee asked about the architectural review of the Barn structure. Mr. Stasio replied that the architects have met at the site, information was acquired from community surveys, measurements have been collected, and utilities need evaluation. Side yard setbacks are creating an issue for any addition to the Barn.
- Commissioner Spearing thanked Commissioner Prousi for commenting similar concerns and stated support for sustainability of the Carriage House.

VII. **New Business** – Nothing to report.

VIII. **Other Parks and Recreation Items** – Nothing to report.

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

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Spearing encouraged the public to attend the Historical Association's presentation on the history of the Upper Moreland Fire Department to be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Township Building's Council Room.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.