

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:** Commissioners and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioners Lockard and Prousi, Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation. Absent: Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance. Also present were: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2022** – The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports for May 2022** - Mr. Stasio reported the following:
 - PECO accepted changes to the Agreement regarding the trail spur between Blair Mill Road to Maryland Road to Easton Road and it is now under review.
 - Improvements were made to the hard courts at Masons Mill Park; however, repairs are being made to the recently vandalized equipment and court.
 - Jen Hartigan, Recreation Assistant, is new to the department and is doing very well to ease this extremely busy time of year.
 - Kate Kollar, Program Coordinator, continues to coordinate summer programs.
 - Basketball court standards were repaired and new poles were installed at Masons Mill Park.
 - Signs were replaced at Masons Mill Park and Woodlawn Park.
 - Woody’s Fishing Hole is stocked at Masons Mill Park, which is catch and release only.
 - A car counter was installed at Masons Mill Park and recommendations will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council.
 - Commissioner Prousi commended Mr. Stasio and the department for their continued hard work. Thanks was given to Simone Collins for their work with the Master Trail Plan.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** - Lisa Quinn, Trustee, reviewed items on the report:
 - On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, thanked the Board of Commissioners and Township staff for the recent installation of the new fire alarm and improvements to the public restrooms
 - The Juneteenth Block Party event received help from the Township Staff and the Board of Commissioners.
 - Commissioner Spearing commended the Library staff for their contributions towards the well-organized success of the Juneteenth Event.
- VI. **Old Business** – Mr. Stasio reviewed updates on the following items:
 - A. **Woodlawn Park Master Plan Development:**
 - Simone Collins, Landscape Architect, continues work on the Master Plan.

**Upper Moreland Township
Committees Meetings
June 20, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**

- Steering Committee meetings and one public meeting have been held thus far.
- Survey feedback is being collected from the Community and neighbors.
- Two focus group meetings will be held June 21, 2022 at Woodlawn Park to discuss active youth sports groups and a second meeting will discuss a potential recreation or community building.
- Meetings on June 22, 2022 include a focus group with teenagers and another with the adjacent neighbors.
- The next Steering Committee will be held in August and in the meantime, stakeholder meetings will continue with Simone Collins.
- Anyone with questions can call Mr. Stasio and can also find information on the Township's website.
- The Committee will continue a discussion at a future meeting.

B. Fair Oaks Park Basin Progress:

- Performance issues of the Basin are being investigated with assistance from the engineer and consultants for solutions that possibly include dry wells. The landscaped beds are being reworked as well.
- The Committee will continue discussions at a future meeting.

C. SEPTA Train Station Move:

- The project is delayed until 2024, which effects the decision to either repair or remove the outdoor hockey rink facility.
- The Committee held a lengthy discussion on the history of the project and ideas to resurrect the rink.
- With direction from the Committee, Mr. Candland will follow up with Matt Edmond, who is currently at Montgomery County Planning Commission, but will be taking a position at SEPTA. The discussion will include a timeline, a commitment, a budget and a contact person from SEPTA. Mr. Kilkenny suggested seeking support from local and state representatives as well as the Township's insurance carrier.

VII. New Business:

A. Landscaping at proposed Gateway Signs:

- Commissioner Prousi explained that the historical signs require landscaping around them to attract the public's attention. A review should be made of agreements for signs on specific properties, agreements with developers who have maintenance responsibilities, and Community organizations should be encouraged to become involved in the beautification of these areas.
- Commissioner Spearing commented support for a long-term plan to maintain the landscaping around the signs and suggested that a discussion continue at the Community Development Committee with the Historical Commission.
- Commissioners Prousi will provide Mr. Candland with a list of properties and signs for further discussions with the Historical Association and Historical Commission. Also, Mr. Candland was directed to reach out to Community groups for their involvement.

VIII. Other Parks and Recreation Items – Mr. Stasio discussed the following items:

A. Supervised Playgrounds Update:

- Programs started this week and 58 registrations remain waitlisted.

**Upper Moreland Township
Committees Meetings
June 20, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**

B. Summer Concerts begin Sunday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Masons Mill Park Gazebo:

- Concerts are free and performances are 1 to 1-1/2 hours long. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnics are welcome; however, tobacco and alcoholic drinks are prohibited. Approximately 100-350 guests could attend events depending on the performer. Further concert information is listed on uppermorelandrec.com.

C. Eagle Scout Project at Veterans Memorial Park:

- An Eagle Scout project will create a picnic area near the playground. Three picnic tables and an outdoor grill were donated by the Scouts and three more picnic tables will be added by the Township. Additional volunteers are welcome to assist on June 25, 2022 starting at 8:00 a.m.

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

X. **Commissioner Comments** – Nothing to report.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.