

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicolas O. Scull called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioners Lockard and McFatrige, and Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation. Also present were Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements:**
 - Mr. Candland announced that the Township was awarded the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant in the amount of \$100,000, which will be used for improvements to the historic buildings at Farmstead Park.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes - May 24, 2021** - Commissioner Lockard amended the meeting minutes on page two, fourth comment, "...Sharia Wallace..." and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Report** - Mr. Stasio provided the following updates:
 - A neighbor of Woodlawn Park created and donated a Free Little Library to the Township, which was vandalized over the weekend, and is being repaired.
 - During the next two weeks, a Temple University Art Student, a resident and 11 more artists will be repainting and touching up the buildings of Safety Town located in Masons Mill Park.
 - The Golden Age Club will host a Fall picnic and are planning bus trips, which received immediate registrations.
 - Pavilion One has been completely replaced at Masons Mill Park and is open for use.
 - Brooks Street Park playground is installed with safety surface and signage in place.
 - Woods Fishing Hole at Masons Mill Park was stocked at the end of May.
 - Commissioner Scull inquired about how the School District's Summer Learning Program is being coordinated with the Township. Mr. Stasio stated that approximately 40 students are bused from the High School at noon to the Township's Summer Program at the Middle School, which includes a free lunch and supervised playground activities.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** - Lisa Quinn, President, provided the following updates:
 - Mask wearing remains mandatory in the building for staff and the public until the mandate is lifted by Governor Wolf, which is anticipated on June 28, 2021.
 - Virtual and outdoor summer programs will be held with dates and times listed on the website and posted inside the building.
 - Children's Story Hour with Miss Becky will be held in person, weather permitting, on the grassy areas between the Upper Moreland Township parking lot and the Library parking lot, between June 30-August 18, 2021.
 - The community survey will end on June 30, 2021. Patrons are encouraged to complete the

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questionnaire at the lobby kiosk or on the Library's website, which asks for preferred operating hours, post-pandemic. Thanks to 327 patrons who have already responded to the survey.

- The Library partnered with Sharia Wallace to organize the Juneteenth event, and secured a \$2,500 donation from PECO. An area was set up with a children's activity, educational materials, used books and user card registrations.
- The projector in the Community Room has been repaired and a camera installed to provide hybrid meetings.
- The Keystone Grant is moving forward at the Office of Commonwealth Libraries with the grant coordinator approving bid specifications submitted by Jim Hersh, Gilmore & Associates. Margie Peters, Library Director, and Matt Hocker, Director of Information Services, have met to review the approved bid documents and establish a timeline.
- Commissioners Scull and McFatrige commended Ms. Wallace, Chief Block and the Library for their efforts to make Juneteenth a successful event.

VI. Old Business:

A. Friends of Boileau Park Agreement/5-Year Plan (Tabled Item)

B. Masons Mill Park Hardcourt Bid:

- Mr. Stasio explained that three companies provided bids that ranged between \$499,393 and \$506,000, which is \$94,393 over projection for the project. He discussed four options on how to proceed with the bid. Costs of materials have significantly increased, administration of the bid are an additional 10-15%, and labor costs to retain workers have increased as well.
- Commissioner McFatrige commented that projects should be expedited upon a Bond issuance, before there are any additional cost increases.
- Commissioner Prousi asked about the necessity of light improvements, and the Committee strongly recommended they be done.
- Commissioner Spearing suggested a follow up on SEPTA's interest with the roller skate rink in Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Stasio stated that the roller skate rink is closed and SEPTA will not move forward until next year.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.

C. 2021 Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application:

- Mr. Candland explained that there are a few SEPTA issues to discuss before making a decision.

VII. New Business:

A. Request from Farmstead Alliance:

- Mr. Stasio explained that a Tap & Table will be held at Farmstead Park on September 10-12 and September 17-19, 2021. Different activities, food and beverage trucks will be offered for approximately 100 people. A percentage of the gross revenue will benefit the Farmstead Alliance and restoration of the Park.
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VIII. **Other Parks and Recreation Items** - Mr. Stasio reported the following:

A. Summer Camps:

- This year's camp program is moderately modified, has approximately 208 registered youngsters, taking one trip per week, and offering one entertainer per week. The first day was confusing for parents, but issues were worked out.

B. Summer Concerts:

- The first free concert will be held by "Zydeco-a-Go-Go Band" on Sunday, June 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at Masons Mill Park. Call the park in case of bad weather; decisions are by 3:30 p.m.

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

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Lockard reminded Commissioner Scull to place an agenda item for a Shade Tree Commission on the July 26, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- Commissioner Scull commended the Juneteenth event for being a success.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.