

## **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Commissioner Lockard in the absence of Committee Chair Nicolas O. Scull called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Lockard and McFatridge, and Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation. Absent: Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull. Also present were Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes - June 21, 2021:**
  - The Committee approved the meeting minutes as submitted.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Report** - Mr. Stasio provided the following updates:
    - A number of high school and college students were hired to repaint approximately 57 buildings within Safety Town at Masons Mill Park over a period of two weeks. A worker at Upper Dublin School District repainted the traffic signals. The Parks and Recreation maintenance crew prepared all the surfaces around the Town.
    - Commissioner Lockard inquired on the status of the Cross-County Trail. Mr. Stasio replied that reports are being provided to the Task Force on Township developments that occurred within the last year and what is expected in the future. A meeting to continue the process will be held within the next few weeks.
    - Commissioner McFatridge inquired on the status of maintenance within the Township parks. Mr. Stasio replied that some seasonal employees did not work out and that maintenance is behind. The staff is working hard to catch up by October/November.
    - Commissioner Lockard announced that the Mason Mill Park courts will be closed for improvements. Mr. Stasio added that the project will start sometime in August for approximately 60 days.
  - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** - Lisa Quinn, President, provided the following updates:
    - Governor Wolf did not continue the mask mandate. However, signage is posted at the entrance to the Library encouraging social distancing and masks for unvaccinated adults and children based on recent CDC recommendations in public spaces.
    - Becky Tkacs, Childrens Librarian, meet with six and seventh grade students to promote the 2021 Summer Quest Events and Activities.
    - Summer programs have been very successful, particularly the Safari Story Time and Yoga Story Time, which are also offered virtually through August 18, 2021.
    - "Silly Joe Sings" will be held on Friday, July 30, 2021 on the lawn outside the Library.
    - The Library is working in partnership with A Woman's Place and will offer a Zoom workshop on healthy relationships on August 17, 2021.
    - A second quarter report has been submitted to The Office of Keystone Grant Coordinator with an updated timeline.
    - Commissioner Prousi requested that a list of Library events be included in the Committees Meeting materials.

**VI. Old Business:**

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

- Mr. Stasio stated that a new proposal will be presented for the Agreement at the September 27, 2021 Committees Meeting.

**VII. New Business:**

A. Tree City USA:

- Mr. Candland briefly discussed meeting the four required standards and will provide sample ordinances that demonstrate the type of commissions that have been organized.
- Commissioner McFtridge and Mr. Stasio discussed the budget for annual tree care.
- Commissioner Prousi expressed that this amenity will promote stormwater management and the aesthetics of the community.
- Commissioner McFtridge and Mr. Candland discussed concerns about regulating and advising on placement and types of trees.
- Commissioner Spearing commented concerns about the responsibility of trees located near or in the Right-of-Way.
- The Committee will continue a discussion at the September 27, 2021 Committees Meeting.

B. Masons Mill Playground Safety Surface Replacement Award:

- Mr. Stasio explained replacement of the Poured In Place under the play equipment, which was planned for 2022, but with a savings of 10% this year, the cost will be approximately \$56,000.
- The Committee approved moving that portion of the Bond Issue for this project from the 2022 allocated funds to 2021.

C. 2022 Pavilion Fee Change Recommendation:

- Mr. Stasio explained that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council recommends that Masons Mill Park's Pavilions 1 and 3 are exactly the same size and should have the same fees starting in 2022.
- Commissioner Spearing inquired about higher fees for weekend rentals. Mr. Stasio will make a comparison of neighboring municipalities and provide a follow up.
- The Committee agreed to the 2022 Pavilion Fee Change, and recommends the Board of Commissioners take action to adopt fee increases by Resolution at the January 2022 Regular Meeting.

**VIII. Other Parks and Recreation Items - Mr. Stasio reported the following:**

A. Consider cancellation of the August 16, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

- The Committee agreed to cancel the August 16, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

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

**X. Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Spearing inquired about the credit card convenience charge. Mr. Stasio replied that credit cards are not accepted over the phone. The credit card companies charge a 2.45% or \$1.50 fee, whichever is higher. Mr. Candland suggested creating a comparison of credit card charges and how it will impact the budget.
  - Mr. Stasio will provide data on credit card revenue and additional revenue made by the credit card companies from the consumer.
- Commissioner McFtridge commented that the maintenance crew has some catching up to do

as a result of the pandemic.

- XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.