

MINUTES OF LONG'S PARK COMMISSION JULY 21, 2016

The regular quarterly meeting of the Long's Park Commission was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016, 1:00 P.M., in the Commission Conference Room at 120 North Duke Street.

Members Present: Mayor J. Richard Gray, Chairman; E. William Andrews; Gene Duncan; Charlotte Katzenmoyer; Dan Ostrowski; David Wauls

Absent: Patrick Hopkins; Dave Schwanger

Guests: Steve St. John, Long's Park Amphitheater Foundation

Bruce W. DeBord, Morgan Stanley

D. Scott Trower, Morgan Stanley

Tom Smithgall, High Associates

Ken Hornbeck, High Associates

Staff: Donna Jessup, Barbara Humble, Sgt. Manuel Luciano

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Mayor Gray introduced and welcomed Mr. Gene Duncan and Mr. Dave Ostrowski, new Commission Members. Mr. Ostrowski is the current President of the Sertoma Club and replaces Mr. Hager on the Commission. Mr. Duncan was appointed to the Commission by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, Orphan's Court Division, upon the resignation of Eloise Aurand and by Petition of Mayor Gray, Chairman, as approved by City Council.

Mr. Andrews moved to have a Resolution drafted to thank Ms. Aurand for her many years of service as a Member of the Long's Park Commission and for her faithful commitment to the citizens of Lancaster; seconded by Mr. Wauls, unanimously approved; and so ordered.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL MINUTES

The Minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Andrews; seconded by Ms. Katzenmoyer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Morgan Stanley Report

The Morgan Stanley Long's Park Commission Portfolio Report was distributed and reviewed by Mr. DeBord, showing an Ending Value of \$365,096.75, with a Total Net Return of 5.69% from 04/22/09 (inception) to 07/19/16 and a Total Net Return of 0.13% Year-To-Date. Mr. DeBord also provided to articles on Brexit; "Brexit: overview and outcomes" (Henderson, Knowledge Shared) and "Brexit is Freedom" (First Trust, Monday Morning Outlook, 6/6/16).

The Morgan Stanley Financial Report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Andrews; seconded by Mr. Duncan.

- **Long's Park Financial Report**

The Long's Park Financial Report was distributed by Ms. Katzenmoyer, noting that the 2016 Budget column does not reflect the revisions to the proposed 2016 Budget that were accepted at the April 21st Commission meeting. As of June 30, 2016 the fund balance is \$137,916.19 with (\$13,846.07) deficiency of Revenues over Expenses.

The City of Lancaster, Long's Park Financial Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Andrews; seconded by Ms. Katzenmoyer.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jessup discussed the following items:

Events: Large events hosted at the Park this summer included: Sertoma BBQ, Flagger Force Picnic, Amphitheater Fourth of July Fireworks, Central Penn Parent Magazine Family Fun Festival and the Summer Music Series.

Petting Farm: Two billy goats were born on June 4th. A pot belly pig, Hercules, was adopted from the SPCA.

Trees: Doug's Tree Service removed several ash trees and recently returned to grind at least 30 stumps. Treatment of the ash trees continued throughout the Park.

Maintenance: Replaced 25 sections of split rail fencing. Stained 25 picnic tables.

Feral Cats: Staff is working with the SPCA to remove all feral cats, due to the possibility of rabies, that have been dropped off or abandoned in the park. Signage reflecting State Regulations regarding abandoning animals has been posted near the Petting Farm.

Misc.: Took ownership of a new skid loader. Employed 5 summer help to work within the park until school starts. A new POW flag was donated by a veterans organization.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Activity Permit Application - Nostalgia Classic Car Cruise-In**

This Application had been Tabled at the April meeting. More specific details were required to evaluate the request. After further discussion with the Police Bureau, Ms. Jessup called Mr. Schreck with several suggested modifications to the activity. Mr. Schreck was not open to any changes but was going to review the suggestions with his Board and respond to Ms. Jessup. There has been no follow up contact from the Mr. Schreck with either Ms. Jessup or Sgt. Luciano.

The Application was taken off the Table on a motion by Mr. Andrews.

With this item on the Table, the Application was rejected on a motion by Ms. Katzenmoyer, seconded by Mr. Andrews.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Amphitheater Foundation:** Mr. St. Stevens expressed appreciation for Jim Bower's, City Arborist, review and removal of a tree near the amphitheater. Mr. Schaffhauser, Facilities Manager, has reviewed the amphitheater electric system and is preparing a report for the Foundation. Mr. Wauls reported that the Saturday concert series was well received and that the Sunday music series has been going well. Additional money was available to increase the fireworks display at the concert celebrating the Fourth of July. The Flagger Force group was complimentary to the City and Foundation for their cooperation with the Force event. The Foundation expressed thanks to Ms. Berkoski-Martin and her crew for the excellent job they do at the Park assisting the Foundation.
- **Sertoma Club:** Mr. Ostrowski reported that the Club will present the proceeds from the BBQ (poor weather conditions this year) at their Board meeting and will report back to the Commission. The Club will be holding a "clean up" day of their room in the pavilion and are considering bringing back some of their Board meetings to that location.

Reports from the Foundation and Club will be included as Agenda items for all future meetings.

- **The Crossings at Conestoga Creek:**

Mr. Smithgall and Mr. Hornbeck, Project Leader, presented an update on the proposed development. Originally planned as all retail space, the current plan has been revised to include Wegmans and additional retail, restaurants, a hotel and apartments. To the south and west side of the site there will be stormwater management efforts, a bike/pedestrian trail, open space and wetlands. The bike/pedestrian trail will provide connectivity from the Park, the development and through to the Noel Dorwart Park in East Hempfield. Traffic modifications include widening the east and west exit ramps from Rt. 30 onto Harrisburg Pike and widening of Harrisburg Pike to 5 lanes. All improvements and modifications will be to the west side of Harrisburg Pike, not the Long's Park side and will end at the railroad overpass. Sidewalk installation will continue from the overpass to Toys R Us, maintaining the roadway shoulder from Toys R Us to the crosswalk at Farnum Road. There will be crosswalks and bus stop locations at the intersection of Long's Park entrance and Crossings Boulevard. High be working with the City to provide wayfinding signs.

The Commission discussed several issues:

- Concern with handling of increased traffic and how it will affect the large events held at the park. Questioned how to control left turn into the Park to avoid a serious backup. PennDOT is reconfiguring the traffic pattern to an adaptive signal network.
- High's position on attendees at the Park events using the Crossings for parking and walking across Harrisburg Pike to the Park. The developers noted that their obligation will be to their tenants and if use of the Crossings parking areas becomes an issue, enforcement/limits may be imposed.
- Questioned how construction might affect the Amphitheater and Sertoma Club fund raising events (BBQ, Art Festival). High will coordinate with both organizations to avoid gridlock.

- Considering the residential component of the site, the Commission anticipates this will create the potential for increased use of Park playground facilities. Of particular concern is The Kidsplace wooden play structure. It is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced. High is willing to assist in that effort. Ms. Katzenmoyer will follow-up with High.
- The current stormwater plan should have no adverse effect on the stream on Long's Park side. High will be creating a new stream pathway on the west side and will be replacing a portion of sewer line/manholes near Toys R Us.

Follow up discussion to continue at the October Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Andrews.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Humble
Recording Secretary