

Lansford Borough Council
Special Meeting with Friends of Lansford Recreation
September 9, 2019

Date: September 9, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Lansford Ashton Park Pool

Attending: Council members: President Jared Soto, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Bob Silver, Marie Ondrus, and Vice President Irma Leibensperger, absent were Councilman John Turcmanovich, Solicitor Michael Greek and Mayor James Romankow. Also attending were 17 residents/ members of the Lansford Friends of Recreation nonprofit organization; signing the signup sheet were: Beverly Sweeney, Ana Sanchez, Nathan Halenar, Gwyn Collevchio, Rose Mary Cannon, Irene Novak, Frank Staines, Jennifer Staines, Jim Porter , Brandie Porter, Tina Reiger, Sandy Zemplavage, Sonya Kokinda, Yvonne Stoffey, Marian Pavlik, Kathleen Mangan, and Bonnie Dopira.

Business: President Soto welcomed everyone, passed around a sign-in sheet. The purpose of the meeting was to get input from both groups about its intentions to repair or replace the nonfunctioning pool.

Rose Mary Cannon reviewed the history of pool repairs before its closing in August 2015 when it was identified to be losing 30 gallons per minute. The water capacity of the pool is 360,000 gallons. The pool was constructed in 1941 and the last renovation was done in 1981 when the skimmers were repaired.

The Feasibility Study by Brent Boyer of Aquatic Facility Design was completed in April 2017. It offers 3 pool options: Facility Concept 1- integrated wading pool, splash pad area, existing main pool, capacity 938. Facility Concept 2 – separate wading pool, splash pad area, existing main pool, capacity 902. Facility Concept 3 – integrated wading pool and existing mail pool, capacity 865. Concept 1 was selected for grant writing purposes at estimate cost of \$1,050,000.00. In the report, core borings showed the pool is solid but the skimmers are leaking.

There is an active LSA – Monroe Grant contract C000069361 for \$35,000.00 for pool restoration to be used by June 30, 2021.

The group toured the park grounds: pump house, main pool and baby pool, bath houses and concession stand. Jared Soto asked for thoughts from those present. Some of the comments:

- Include an umbrella (mushroom) shower in a new pool plan
- Residents volunteered to help with needed renovations
- Have a better drainage system for the baby pool
- Rose Mary Cannon suggested having Brent Boyer attend a meeting
- Get more information and set priorities
- The concession stand needs lots of renovations
- The project should concentrate on rehabilitating the main pool

Nathan Halenar, President of The Friends of Recreation, outlined future fund raising events: parking at football games, soup sale at the Fall Festival 9/28/19, information handout booth at the Mauch Chunk Lake Blue Grass Heritage Festival, and future chicken dinners.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Seigendall,
Secretary/ Treasurer