

## Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Doylestown Borough Parks and Recreation Board was held via Zoom on the above date at the above time with the following members attendance: Gary Harris, James Lannon, Dennis Livrone, Barbara Healy, Elizabeth Wyckoff, and Pat Keppler. Also in attendance were Councilperson Wendy Margolis and Borough Manager John Davis.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Minutes are now being taken from the recording by Jill Schweizer who was not present at the meeting.

**Summer Programs:** Summer Games and Arts and Crafts are being canceled due to the lack of a Director and the restrictions for these programs in the state of COVID. This would require reduced numbers and new policies for cleaning. When calculating the numbers due to layout and social distancing, the Arts and Craft pavilion would be a very limited number of kids and would require a large amount of manpower to clean after each use. A state certification for a "camp" program would also be required with new COVID requirements. The final conclusion is that this is not possible for this summer. This program is canceled only for this year and will be reinstated next year.

**Bike and Hike Report:** The Pump Track was reopened early due to the surface being rideable. About 15/20 volunteers cleaned up and spruced up the track for use.

**Director Report:** There is a potential Director for the Arts and Crafts Program for next year. Gary will follow up on this for next year.

Summer Games: Gary did touch base with Outdoor Games Directors, and both are willing to come back for the summer of 2022. They were understanding on why the program was canceled for this year.

Scenic Stroll: Sheri would like a Summer Scenic Stroll schedule. Sheri would like to know the status of this by May. A decision will be made next month.

Tennis: Lessons are full at this time with a waiting list!

Summer Shows are still on hold and will be discussed in May.

**Manager Report:** John contacted Soccer Shots and they are eager to move forward. They have secured their permit and insurance. Soccer Shots will be running their program from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup> on Sunday afternoons between 3:00-5:00.

DAA season is beginning. Field are ready and look good. DAA is sticking to the policy of masks during play.

The Maintenance Department is shorthanded at this time due to quarantine and medical leaves. Updates on maintenance will be given at the next meeting. Vaccines are well underway in the Borough Offices.

The Burpee Pavilion now has a cupola. This has been in the works for many years. It is completed and looks great. This cupola not only looks great, it also hides the 5G system.

New guidelines have just been released on how to judge capacity for outdoor usage. The guidelines say 67 people per 1000 square feet.

Broad Street Park: The bids are out for plaza, the concrete work and the hardscape. The timeline and update will be given in May. The building construction is going well and moving forward with a late August completion. The goal is the completion of the building will coincide with the park so both will be open at the end of August. All grant submissions are in and will be able to start drawing down on that money. These grants are about \$600,000.

As part of the Dairy Queen Program, the construction will include sidewalks. By the end of the year, between the many projects, sidewalks will be completed from Belvedere to Atkinson and down Atkinson.

**Old and New Business:** Liz sent a video to the Board that was shared by the Bike and Hike Committee on how PA is working to connect all networks in completing trails throughout the state. The video is really well done.

Dennis has been endorsed by the Democratic Committee for Borough Council. Dennis and Jack O'Brien have been endorsed for Ward 2 for the upcoming election.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM, Next meeting on May 4, 2021 at 7:00.