

Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 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, Elizabeth Wyckoff, Pat Keppler, Robert Huether, Barbara Healy, Jill Schweizer, and Jackson Lang. Also in attendance were Councilperson Wendy Margolis and Borough Manager John Davis.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the May Meeting Minutes, with an edit for an incomplete sentence.

Minutes are now being taken from the recording by Jill Schweizer.

Broad Street Park Update: John Davis reported on the Park updates. The bid for the Hardscape was approved and awarded in May. No start date has been set, but it is expected to move forward at the end of June. With the overbudget bid, the Borough got the legal okay to remove one item, this would require Phil planting 10 bushes in for removing this item from the bid. Tree planting will be done in house by the Park's Department. July and August will see more action in Park development. This phase will not be completed when the building is complete, but it is expected to be done in September.

The Intell project has also been approved, which will support the infrastructure to redo the intersection by the Park.

Work is progressing on the new CHOP facility, that will also support the road work/sidewalks that will support the Park. The new sidewalk will go from the Park to the Car Wash.

The new Borough Hall is on schedule for the opening in August. The old Borough Hall will be up for sale shortly with bids to come in after notice is given. The profits from this sale will go to the funds needed for the building project of the new hall. The estimated price tag is \$1.9 million for the full project, this was before the market surge. This will also include the parking. It is predicted the bids will be more than the estimated proposal. This will be an exciting opportunity for someone as well as helping to fund the new project.

Bike and Hike Report: Liz asked about the possibility about cinder paths instead of paved paths. John talked about some cinder paths that have been done. The high maintenance for cinder as well as fitting in, some of the paths will be paved and some cinder based on the area of park that was conducive to this.

The report was short due to no meeting last month of the Doylestown Community Bike and Hike Committee.

The Pump Track is well used. The track is still in need of dirt.

The Bucks County Composite, local Mountain Biking Team, will hold a “Try It” on Saturday, June 5th. This will give the opportunity to those who want to try Mountain Biking.

Director Report Scenic Stroll Starts tomorrow, June 2nd. The requirements have changed, it is now Masks Required for the Unvaccinated. (Thank you Pat for posting)

Soccer Shots, Gary has been at the site at many times without seeing the program. It is Sunday from 3-5. Gary will get out there to see the program shortly.

Tennis is in season number 2, season 3 starts June 28th. The program is full and there is a waiting list!

First Saturday Chess is possible to do Simultaneous Chess for the Fall. If we are not able to host the full program, we may be able to do the Simultaneous Chess. A further conversation closer to the fall will finalize what type, if any, Chess program will occur.

Summer Shows are ready! They will be at Burpee Park as the Pavilion as a backdrop.

Manager Report: The Pavilion is open again for rentals. Fanny Chapman pool opened Memorial Day weekend. Fanny Chapman mask policy is for Unvaccinated individuals.

DAA Season is winding down. Field are in good shape.

The Borough needs to come up with a name for the new Park. As part of the contract there is signage, so it necessary to have a name to put on the sign. The Council Committee will be discussing this at the next meeting, Thursday June 3rd. Discussion occurred about the Park Committee’s recommendation for the name. All proposals have Broad Street in the name. Names discussed were Broad Street Greene, (Greene gives a more community-oriented area, not a typical park), Broad Street Gateway Park, Broad Street Commons, Broad Street Plaza, Broad Street Park, the possibility or naming after a person. (Naming after a person was debated, but decided that this would cause many issues)

Gary proposed Broad Street Greene, this was debated due to the image of a “Greene” being more a green space. (Wendy’s input)

Park names have changed, so this name does not have to be a “forever” thing.

Having Broad Street in the name does give the location and is consistent with the name of parks for location around the Borough.

Gary changed his motion to Broad Street Commons.

Old and New Business:

There is a suggestion for a Scout Project. At Neis Park, there is a concrete circle that used to be a bike rack. The Bike Rack has been removed. There is a large concrete circle which would be a

nice location for a mural. This will be a good area for the tour in August. This can be coordinated with the Mural Project that is a community wide project.

A review of the Park Tour for August with ideas for dates. Any place or ideas to be added to this tour, the Board has been requested to send items to John.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM, No meeting in July. A Park Tour will replace the Zoom Meeting in August.