

# **Park and Recreation Board Meeting**

## **Tuesday October 2, 2018 - 7:00PM**

The meeting of the Doylestown Borough Parks and Recreation Board was held on the above date at the above time with the following members in attendance: John Davis, Gary Harris (Director), Jill Schweizer, Pat Keppler, Jim Lannon, Dan Pollner, Dennis Livrone (Chairman),

Guests: Jack O'Brien, Mayor Strouse

Excused: Laura Morocco, Katie Schulz, Elizabeth Wyckoff, Bob Huether, Megan Browne

The following items were discussed:

1. Approval of September minutes:
2. Budget
  - Budget has not presented to Council as of the date of this meeting
3. Bike and Hike Update submitted by Elizabeth Wyckoff via email

Bike & Hike news:

- Turk Road feasibility study: some residents are pushing for a boardwalk type "path" along the creek behind their houses instead of a path closer to the road that would be in their front yards. This would be problematic since the area is damp and tree-covered - walking or riding on a damp boardwalk is treacherous. Anyway, there is steady resident involvement for and against the plan even at this nascent stage.
- Wawa on South Main: Bike & Hike Committee and Bike Advisory Committee are concerned and interested in plans to address bike-friendliness at that entrance to town, the access across the bridge over the bypass to the trail that will connect to existing trail further down 611 near Turk Rd. How we address pedestrian and bike rider safety at that critical point will announce to the "world" how the Borough values those street users.
- Pump Track: The track itself is holding up well despite more weeks of rainy weather. The areas between the track are consistently damp but that hasn't impeded track ride-ability. We've been raking leaves off the track to help keep it dry. Someone(s) have been building a ramp from which to ride down the gravel path (along the stream from fishing pond end) and use the ramp to jump the track platform. We've been dismantling the ramp and we removed all the tools except for the brooms. If those cameras were real we'd know who's doing this, but it's obviously a safety issue. The rules sign expressly includes "do not modify the track" for this reason. A row of large stones between the gravel path and the track platform would help - riders couldn't approach the platform with speed that way.
- Women Bike Dtown Witches Ride is October 27, rain date the 28th. We'll be leading out the kids parade from the Spooktacular event, then riding around town while the kids parade and trick or treat.

#### 4. Recreation Manager's Report

- Tennis: waiting for summaries that typically come out mid November
- Scenic Stroll: Gary will be taking the stroll tomorrow as Sheri is on vacation. Numbers are averaging around 10 per walk
- First Saturday Chess: simultaneous chess went off really well!
- Website there are place holders that will go up to have description and schedule to be posted for off season programming
- Park Tour: on a beautiful day, with kids in school...Burpee had the most with 21 enjoying the park

#### 5. Borough Manager's Report

- Council approved sub-dividing and selling as a twin lot for the house at Chapman. Zoning process is in process. An appraisal will be taking place in the next couple weeks. Deed restrictions will include the owners occupying the house, as well as physical improvements will need to go to the Historical approval
- An easement may be requested from a home owner who is looking to move from well to public water
- Maplewood, there has been some conversation with the "meadow" in the park. Both for and against the meadow have been presented. The Borough will compromise adding some wild flowers and cut lower and will be reseeded.
- Tennis court wall is the last remaining project to be completed
- Budget consideration: volleyball court at Chapman has been getting a higher rate of rentals. There has been some input from residents about the lack of open times of the volleyball courts. This will be monitored. In this consideration, reviewing the fees to be considered. Proposed to raise fee for volleyball rental, pavilion at Burpee reservations and Arts and Crafts to be raised 5 dollars each. The Board approved this proposal.

#### 6. Old/New Business

- Question posed by Dennis on who owns the shoulder on Lafayette and State. The School District owns this. John has talked with the Superintendent about the plans for updating this area.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:29

Next Meeting: November 6, 2018 7:00, no meeting in December