

Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday October 1, 2019 - 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, Jim Lannon, Dennis Livrone (Chairman), Elizabeth Wyckoff, Pat Keppler, Barbara Healy, Bob Huether

The following items were discussed:

1. Approval of September minutes
2. 2020 Capital Budget Review
 - Council will meet next week to begin budget review and discussion. Items for presentation will be:
 - Mower, to replace old one from 1995. This mower will be able to be used for all parks to pair with two smaller mowers. (\$32,000)
 - New snow blower also proposed (\$2,500)
 - Wood fiber, done on an annual basis. This amount increased due to the need to dig out some of the old fiber and replaced. (\$4000)
 - Picnic tables (2) (\$2400) Burpee and Chapman (\$1200)
 - Dug out floors to prevent flooding (\$1500)
 - Burpee Park Inclusive play equipment (\$3000)
 - Chapman Park Borough Dam Access Path. This would use turf builders to give access to the trucks that are used to stock the Dam with fish. Gravel is put down first, then the pavers, dirt and seed are put on top to keep the visual effect and maintenance grass. (\$3000)
 - Total proposal \$44,100.
3. Bike and Hike Update: Elizabeth Wyckoff
 - Witches ride on October 26th, holiday lights ride will occur in December. Leaving from Burpee Park, heading to Courthouse and then looping through town
 - End of Pump Track season. Planning in the works for end of season event on October 26th
 - Meeting held at the new township building on October 2nd at 7:00 for the Turk Road Trail Feasibility Study. This is a key meeting to see how the public responds to the new trail proposal.
4. Recreation Manager's Report
 - Scenic stroll numbers continue to climb!
 - Outdoor games summary, average was 13 participants. Casey, Director, intent is to return next year.
 - Tennis seasons results will be given in November.
 - First Saturday chess was held on Saturday the 14th due to the Arts Festival. This was simultaneous play. Saturday Chess takes October off to transition from outside to inside, so the next Saturday Chess will be November 2nd.
 - Park tour for September was reported.
5. Borough Manager's Report

- Fanny is looking at creating a family changing room to be built for next season. This most likely will be put at the end or south side of the building. They have hired an architect for this project.
- Trees down at Maplewood Park. Hopefully the ground will freeze and the parks crew are able to get in there to clean things up.
- Broad Street Park; predict Penn Dot to vacate by the end of October/November. Ownership for the Borough most likely to occur at the beginning of the year.
- Update on the tentative plans for the old Intelligencer site and the intersection of Broad and Atkinson .

6. Old/New Business

- Elizabeth shared the "Community Campout" that is happening in Frenchtown. We may want look into doing this.
- Elizabeth suggested the possibility to add a calendar/menu of all our events to see in list form in one visual shot. Elizabeth will send an example to John to review.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2019