

Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 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, Pat Keppler, Robert Huether, and Jill Schweizer, Also in attendance were Councilperson Wendy Margolis, Mayor Ron Strouse, r, and Borough Manager John Davis.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the January 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

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

Broad Street Park Update: Not much to report at this time due to season and weather. Approval has been secured from Council for the design of the Civic Plaza. The grant of a quarter of million dollars was secured from the Department of Community and Natural Resources. Borough staff are now completing the paperwork and review process, which is lengthy, to receive the money.

Bike and Hike Report: The Central Park to Pools Corner trail will be highlighted in the Virtual Meeting Room at the Community Virtual Room. This Room will be open from February 14th to February 28th. The public can review the proposals for trails and leave comments during this team. The Room is going through a "dummy room" for testing and preview. A mailing will be going out to stakeholders of the corridors to the path. The mailing is set to out by Friday, February 5th. A copy will go to the Parks and Rec Board Members to outline how to view the room. This will also go out on Facebook and the Borough website. Board members are encouraged to view the Room and weigh in on the decisions and leave comments.

Liz and Phil met with Michael, an Eagle Scout who would like to build small trails on the island at Chapman Park to practice for riding on the trails. The meeting reviewed what would be appropriate for the building and what would be aligned with the trails. Michael will be working with his Mountain Bike Team to construct themselves and fulfill his Eagle Scout Project.

Director Report: Mercer Avenue Park has a recycling trash can and a "Young Lungs at Play" sign for the completion of the amenities at the park.

For the Summer Shows, all groups schedule from last year have agreed for dates for Summer 2021, on hold to see if the shows are on for this summer. It is questionable to secure any facility from Central Bucks School District at this time. It has been suggested to use Burpee Pavilion to host the shows. Audience members will sit in the "outfield" and facing the Pavilion, with artists being in the Pavilion. The Magician Act is a maybe due to social distancing constraints on working directly with the kids, as his show typically includes. Gary will search for another act as a maybe. At this time, the whole show program needs to be played by ear at this time due to COVID restrictions that still may be in place this summer. All performers are on

hold at this time. The shows will be moved to August to accommodate the Arts and Craft and Summer Games in July. Sound is supplied by the performers.

Scenic Stroll; Sheri Sullivan is suggesting doing a summer stroll, as the Spring Stroll Program has been canceled. This cancellation is on the website.

A search is ongoing for a new Director for the Arts and Craft Program, as Denise Delanoy has retired. Jill and Gary are in search of someone who may want this position. This is a program that is on hold as well, due to possible COVID restrictions for the summer. The Director pays \$3000 for this program. Gary will send Jill the past schedule for information to provide to possible candidates. The search will be on the low key due to restrictions that will most likely still be in place this summer.

Manager Report: There has been some modest clean up of the parks. The Parks have been through the Insurance Review, 80% of needs have been completed, the rest are just waiting for parts. The Family Changing Restroom at Fanny is well underway.

Old and New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM, Next meeting on March 2, 2021 at 7:00.