

**Park and Recreation Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Gary Harris, Karissa Elser, Patricia Keppler, Robert Huether, James Lannon, Doreen McVaugh, Jill Schweizer, Elizabeth Wyckoff, Student Members Marlon Hitchon and Mason Hitchon, Borough Council Member Wendy Margolis, Parks Foreman Dave Burger, and Borough Manager John Davis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The **Minutes** from the May 3, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

Ms. Melinda Cozza gave an introduction to her **Middle School Intro to Beach Volleyball Program** to the Board. The goal of her program is to act as a pipeline to high school volleyball for students in middle school. Ms. Cozza described the equipment she has with her organization to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for the students who are learning volleyball. Ms. Cozza would like to start this program in the late summer or early fall. Mr. Harris questioned if there were any issues with parking at Fanny Chapman. He is concerned about parking when there are swim meets and tournaments happening at the same time. Ms. Cozza has not noticed an issue with parking. Mr. Davis clarified to the board, Ms. Cozza is renting the sand courts at Fanny Chapman for this program. Mr. Davis wanted to know what the relationship between the Borough and the volleyball program will be, whether it is a Park and Recreation program run by Ms. Cozza or will she be using the courts as a “tenant.” From a practical standpoint the latter may be easier, but this could become a program we would offer as the Park and Recreation Board. This is similar to the agreement with the Soccer Shots program. They are fully insured and the Borough receives a percentage of the fees from the program rather than collecting money from the rental fees. The program will be open to anyone who wishes to participate. Mr. Burger spoke to the maintenance of the courts and how Ms. Cozza has been very helpful with ideas for maintaining the courts. He appreciated her expertise to the overall care and improvements she has given to the courts. Mr. Burger believes this is a great opportunity to revamp that facility because it is one of the only illuminated sand volleyball courts in the region. Mr. Lannon would like the program to continue as it is for now and in the future formalize the program moving forward. Ms. Cozza let the board know the 2023 season could start as early as March. Overall, the Board is receptive to the idea of the program. The Board would like to see a schedule and have an overall idea of the program run by Sandyard Volleyball.

The first **Chapman Park Eagle Scout Project Presentation** was provided by Riley McGrogan. He has completed his Eagle Scout project at Chapman Park. He began his project late in the fall of 2021. He rebuilt two bridges in the park using reclaimed wood and lumber throughout the park. Bridge construction went pretty well overall, with a few minor obstacles. Mr. Burger spoke to the improvements Riley has made to the park. The Board thanked Riley for his hard work to making Chapman Park nicer for people who use the trails in the park and offered their congratulations.

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A second **Chapman Park Eagle Scout Project Presentation** was provided by Ryan Burger. Ryan is proposing a kiosk to be built at Chapman Park. It will be a dual sided kiosk. He is proposing to build it at the main entrance to the Borough Dam. The location will be dependent upon the underground utilities present in the area. The size will also depend on the location. Mr. Lannon mentioned the Waterworks building is scheduled to be demolished at some point and wanted Ryan to keep this in mind. Mr. Davis confirmed the proposed location should not be a problem and will also consolidate the signs the Friends of the Borough Dam like to have posted. This will be a place to post the rules for the Dam. It will be under cover to help keep weather off the signs. Ryan would like to have a fishing log posted on the kiosk, so anglers can keep track of what types of fish are being caught and what time they were caught.

Ryan's second project is a fish structure, or an artificial fish habitat, created out of PVC pipe and a 5 gallon bucket filled with cement to be placed in the dam itself. There will be 5-6 placed within the dam and will help the smaller fish to thrive. Additionally, since it will be created with PVC, anglers will have an easier time getting their lines and lures unstuck. These will be easy for Public Works to clean every 4-5 years.

Ryan would like to have his project started as soon as possible; he is just waiting for final approval from the Washington Crossing Council. The Board wished Ryan luck with his project.

**Burpee Pavilion Upgrade Proposal** was provided by Mr. Davis. There is a Borough resident who wishes to volunteer his time to make some upgrades to the Pavilion at Burpee Park. The first improvement will be to the gardens around the building. He wants to clear the beds and tidy them up. He will also power wash the building and freshen up the paint. He recommends the light fixtures to be updated. Public Works will take over the maintenance of the flower beds once the project is finished. Mr. Lannon wanted to talk about the ongoing issues of kids in the park after hours. Chief Knott has said there are no major problems with vandalism or other destruction of Borough property.

Mr. Davis gave a **Broad Commons Update**. There is not too much happening there right now. The playground designer should have something for the Board to review by the next meeting. We will make another push for donations as we lead up to starting the playground. There were no questions from the Board.

**Bike/Hike Report:** The Bike Race is coming in September and Liz is working with them on some educational materials for kids. The Witches Ride and the Santa Ride will be posted on social media. The Township is making progress on the bike path coming up from the Wawa.

**Recreation Director's Report:** First Saturday chess began, we had 12-14 people including kids present. It went very smoothly. The next Saturday Chess games will be July 2. Tennis season 3 will start on June 27. Scenic stroll ended on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Sherri will return for the Fall Scenic Strolls. Summer shows being June 29<sup>th</sup> with Hansel and Gretel. Arts and Crafts starts July 5<sup>th</sup>. We have 55 children registered for the first session and 58 children for the second session. Outdoor games has 19 children registered.

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**Borough Manager's Report:** The Pump Track needs some TLC but has demonstrated it has a good, solid foundation. Fanny Chapman is open. Doylestown Lion's Club has been hosting concerts at the Courthouse and are interesting in moving them to the Commons. They will be on Wednesday evenings.

**Old/New Business:** Mr. Lannon asked if there is any movement on the skateboard ordinance. Public Safety is discussing the ordinance and if a motorized skateboard fits within the ordinance or not. Chief Knott concluded they do not meet the class of the boards which are banned. In new business, the Park Tour will be in August in place of the traditional Park and Recreation Board meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Park and Recreation Minutes Secretary