

## **Park and Recreation Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 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, Elizabeth Wyckoff, Pat Keppler, and Jill Schweizer, also in attendance were Councilperson Wendy Margolis, and Borough Manager John Davis.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes with one edit. (typo in attendance list)

**Junior Members:** Two junior members will be joining the board in May, Jackson Lane and Marlin Hitchens.

**Neis Park Field Request:** A request to the Borough has been made by Soccer Shots. <https://www.soccershots.org/> The organization would like to use the Borough Field/grass area adjacent to Doyle Elementary for a soccer program. The program, which headquarters are in Philadelphia, are also working with Warminster and Bensalem. The sessions run 6 weeks with the first beginning in March with a total of 4 programs. The program runs 1 day per week, Saturday mornings, for young kids to learn fundamentals of soccer.

Due to the quick time frame for the first sessions, a permit could be issued for the area as a test run to see how the program does in this area. The cost per day for the group would be \$25 for field usage.

Although other groups use this area, as observed by board members, the group that has a "permit" would have rights to the field. No other group has applied for a permit for this field.

Pat Keppler knew of this group from her grandson's preschool with positive feedback. Board members felt the group's organization, via their website, is professional and well presented. The Borough does not have any other soccer programs using their fields at this time. We have done soccer programs in the past with success.

The Board had no objections to the group using this field, with the exception of no Birthday Parties, that is on their website. The clarification would be their skills and drills program only. Soccer Shots program will provide insurance and has information about COVID precautions.

**Bike and Hike Report:** The next Bike and Hike Meeting is upcoming and there will be more to report at our next meeting.

The Board commented on how well done the Virtual tour of the Bike and Hike proposals. The window on the Virtual site closed on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The next Bike and Hike Committee will report on feedback and data from the site.

to this program to let them know of the cancelation for the spring and what is being done at the pond. After the letter is sent, information will go out on social media.

The normal clean up will continue, but without large crowds. The Clean Up will be done by the Parks Department, the Rotary, and some local scout troops that Department has contacted.

During the "normal" Derby Day, Trout Unlimited provide donated rods and instruction to kids. This will not happen this year, but enthusiasm from the Rotary is still high for the future.

**Old and New Business:** Dennis announced he will be running for Borough Council.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM, Next meeting on April 2, 2021 at 7:00.

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