

Borough of Doylestown Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Date: July 27, 2020
Scheduled Time: 7:00PM
Via Zoom

Present:

Gary Harris, Barbara Healy, Bob Huether, Patricia Keppler, James Lannon, Dennis Livrone, Jill Schweizer, and Elizabeth Wyckoff.

Also Present:

Councilwoman Wendy Margolis, John Davis, Manager, Dave Burger, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Chris Blackway.

Meeting Minutes: On a motion from Mr. Livrone, seconded by Mr. Lannon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 2, 2020 minutes.

Scenic Stroll Update:

The Board discussed the obstacles facing the Scenic Stroll for fall 2020 due to the pandemic. Ms. Sherry Sullivan has made the decision not to participate and the Borough would need to look for a replacement Director. Ms. Keppler made a motion to cancel the Scenic Stroll for fall of 2020 to which the Board agreed.

First Saturday Chess & Tennis Update:

Mr. Harris reported Chess has been cancelled indefinitely due to the Pandemic. Mr. Harris explained to the Board Tennis has been highly successful and well attended. He was pleased to announce to have added an additional night on Wednesday evenings for those who wish to play.

Broad Street Update:

Mr. Davis provided a brief update concerning preliminary work being done. The next phase will address storm water system.

Mr. Blackway expressed his idea of having a skate park in the Borough. A skate park already exists at the Central Bucks YMCA. Mr. Blackway asked for any suggestions to build a new skate park for any community members to attend. Mr. Davis suggested collaborating with the Central Bucks YMCA to allow members from the Central Bucks YMCA along with community members to make better use of the existing park and will reach out the Central Bucks YMCA directly to inquire. The Board was in concurrence with Mr. Davis's suggestion.

2020 Capital Projects

Mr. Burger stated that the Borough Dam access project has been completed – there is a tiered access to stock the Fanny Chapman Park safely. Vegetation removal along Route 202 was completed. Concerning the Lantern Fly matter, Mr. Burger discussed they have replanted new trees to avoid Lantern Fly's issues.

Mr. Harris asked Mr. Burger about Burpee Park Pavilion was painted. Mr. Burger stated he plans to bring in students to provide artwork to the walls to brighten it up.

Mr. Burger also commented on the Trails at Maplewood Park. Due to the storms, many trees have fallen. They have been deemed hazardous. Public Works plans to remove the dead trees and re-establish the trail system in the coming months.

New Business:

Mr. Harris asked for the Mercer Avenue Park to be placed on the Borough Website.

Old Business: None

Adjourned: 8:12PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammi L. Mancuso
Meeting Minutes Secretary