

Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – 7:15PM

Present: Councilperson Wendy Margolis, John Davis, Manager, Gary Harris, Director, Barbara Healy, Bob Huether, Patricia Keppler, James Lannon, Dennis Livrone, Elizabeth Wyckoff, and Alaina Tweedle, Resident.

In the following update regarding **Summer Games, Arts & Craft**, this has been cancelled for the summer. Burpee Pavilion will not allow for the space for the children to utilize. John reported Denise had vulnerability to Covid-19 and did not choose to proceed with remote programs. Burpee Pavilion is small in size and sharing crafts and supplies, cleaning, etc, and cannot possibly meet the Covid-19 Health Guidelines. It was a fairly easy decision to further cancel at this time. John reported Dave Burger is looking at the Pavilion now to install proper signage and hand sanitizer dispensers along the walls. John stated the Borough is looking at ways to bring back the Pavilion.

Patricia Keppler raised a question to John Davis asking if Burpee Pavilion is closed, is the Borough doing the necessary renovations that are needed. John reported they are currently compiling a list.

John reported the Director of **Chess** is a vulnerable population and ultimately made the decision to cancel. Again, they cannot meet the Covid-19 guidelines. Players would be too close in proximity & touching pieces.

John reported **Summer Shows** has been cancelled. Once the Central Bucks School District closed their facilities, the Borough had to comply and did not have another place to host the shows. John stated the Borough hopes they will be able to retain the money that had already been collected as donations for the 2021 Summer Shows.

Concerning, **Doylestown Borough Fishing Program** at Fanny Chapman, John reported they had also cancelled this program. Again, you cannot have crowds under the Covid-19 guidelines. The Borough did not stock the fish in the spring due to no fishing. Trout adjust to cold weather and when the water warms, the trout would die off. John reported the Borough has received several donations and they will bring a better program for the 2021 Fishing program.

Scenic Stroll has been cancelled as reported by John Davis. The group consists of a vulnerable population and the entire point the stroll is walking together. The program does not meet the criteria for the Covid-19 guidelines.

John conveyed about the **Tennis Program** and the first part of the session was cancelled. However, the second part of the session will resume. Players must adhere to the signage and guidelines placed by the Borough to follow recommendations.

Liz Wyckoff reported the Borough did a wonderful job resurfacing the **Pump Track** and is happy to report it is open. Liz stated most people are adhering to the recommendations on the signage and had a few not wearing masks. John said the Borough will continue to monitor the track.

John reported the update about the **Borough Playgrounds**. The playgrounds were never really enforced nor did they put tape around the equipment. On June 2, 2020, the County of Bucks gave the go ahead to open municipal playgrounds. John stated the Borough has put up signage for the recommendations and also reported that Gary Harris has been inspecting the playgrounds daily. James Lannon asked if the children must wear masks and John responded they will need to adhere to the recommendations of the signage.

John spoke about the **Borough Parks** and asked the Board for feedback on the Broad Street Park. John informed the Committee stating the grading is completed along with the environmental demo. The Borough

will take on the utility work with regards to storm water. John reported the new dirt was donated by Delaware Valley University. Dennis Livrone asked about the storm water management from the new building and John responded the Borough is providing the management of the water from the building down to multiple locations throughout the park.

John spoke about the 229 N. Broad Street **new building for Borough Hall**. The bid will hopefully go out the week of June 8th and hoping for it to be awarded in July 2020. He also reported on 333 N. Broad St property and the owner is looking to make improvements to the roadway, intersection and preserve woods across the street. John said Dave Burger has removed all pavers to the pond and benches have been installed however since this project is considered a Capital Budget project, it has been placed on hold until the Borough can re-evaluate their funding.

John Davis reported about **Facilities** in the Borough. Basketball courts; the rims and nets have been removed as well as the Volleyball nets. DAA Baseball has cancelled their season.

Fanny Chapman does plan to re-open according to John. He reported he had an update that Fanny Chapman can open while in the “Yellow Phase” for Covid-19. John spoke with the Director and reviewed that guests would need to adhere to the guidelines put in place and must meet those guidelines/safety. John stated the question will be, will residents want to utilize the facility and Council will discuss at their meeting on June 3, 2020. Swimming and diving lessons have been cancelled for the season. Fanny Chapman’s target date to open is July 4, 2020.

New/Old Business:

Councilperson, Wendy Margolis asked about the status of the Boro Mill Hill Road property. John reported the property was sold, flipped and now up for sale once more. Members commented on how beautiful it looks.

James Lannon asked about the Park Tour Fall 2020. John stated they’ll have to look at the Borough budget however this item could be discussed at the next Park & Recreation Board Meeting.

Garry Harris reported Tennis starts on Jun 8, 2020 with two groups. John asked to ensure someone is monitoring the games and that they are following the guidelines. Gary addressed on new item: Yvonne from Kusters & Yo-Yo asked about a Scavenger Hunt through town for the children similar to the Clue Game. John said they would need to follow the “Yellow Phase” guidelines – 25 or fewer participants, 6 feet apart. John suggested that Gary go back to Yvonne and ask her how she might want to handle it IE, paying for event, will it be all volunteer, registration, etc. Gary will report back to Yvonne with the information that was brought up at this meeting.

Liz Wyckoff suggested a tour with photos and participants. It would be a one-day event and upload photos to a Facebook Group.

John spoke with Denise about doing virtual arts and crafts and there was little to no interest. John will keep the Board updated and will look at possibly scheduling the next Board meeting in July 2020. Dennis Livrone said the Board does not typically meet in July but could meet on July 7, 2020.

Adjourned: 8:05PM