

## **Park and Recreation Board Meeting Wednesday, January 2, 2019 - 7:00PM**

The meeting of the Doylestown Borough Parks and Recreation Board was held on the above date at the above time with the following members in attendance: John Davis, Gary Harris (Director), Jill Schweizer, Jim Lannon, Dennis Livrone (Chairman), Katie Schulz, Megan Browne, , Elizabeth Wyckoff,

Excused: Bob Huether, Pat Keppler

The following items were discussed:

1. Approval of November minutes:
2. Budget
  - Review of items that has been approved including design for the Broad Street Park
  - \$30,000 total including the \$15,000 for environment clean up and for design assistance for Broad Street
3. Bike and Hike Update: Elizabeth Wyckoff
  - Holiday Lights Ride on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 90+ participates! Participants rode with bikes decked out in holiday lights
  - Pump Track was closed at the end of October. When the weather begins to freeze, this can produce cracks in the trial. In spring, drainage will be fixed, as well as adding dirt.
  - Liz is applying for a grant to provide programming on how to ride the track safely. Most of the money will go to events, with some to additional dirt if needed. Use of some of this money from the grant can also be used to add a bike pump at the track.
  - Met with CB Cares to have Linden students take the Pump Track under their wings to promote.
  - The Bike Friendly Community Grant will be submitted by February 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a very prestigious award recognizes the Community as a Bike Friendly Community.
4. Recreation Manager's Report
  - Tennis: \$482 for session 3 and 4, which is down from last year. The exposure for this program has upgrades, but this did not make a difference in attendance.
  - Scenic Stroll: completed for this year, Sherri will be returning for next year,
  - First Saturday Chess: good turn out in December. This Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled date for Saturday Chess.
  - Summer Show sponsor letters will be coming out this week to begin that process.
  - Gary will be contacting the past Arts and Crafts and Summer Games for return for next year.
  - Pump Track is closed for the winter.
  - Park Tour: for a Friday in November and a Thursday in December averages were low of attendees.

5. Borough Manager's Report

- Some vandalism at Burpee Park, the merry go round was destroyed and the parks crew is looking at the possibility of repair
- The crew is working on cleaning up the parks
- Wawa plan has been approved. Wawa has agreed to get the trail as part of their plan and contribute \$20,000 to the cost of the path between Wawa and Steeplechase. There will be a signal there and a pedestrian crossing. This will aid in completing the next phase of the Bike and Hike path.
- Maplewood will have more lawn area for the areas that have been cut down.
- Tennis court wall is ready for construction.
- The Parks and Rec committee is currently 2 members down. Interviews will take place next week. John anticipates appointment at the next Council meeting with new members possibility attending the meeting in February.
- New Borough website. On the website is the full budget available. Schedule N outlines the park system. The fees for the summer programs for Arts and Crafts, Summer Games and the rental of Burpee by \$5. This section also outlines the average participants for all the parks programs.

6. Old/New Business

- Dennis asked if anything can be done to clean up the embankment by War Memorial. John will check on this and get back to the committee.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:47

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:00 PM