

Environment and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilpersons Joe Frederick, Wendy Margolis, and Jennifer Jarret, as well as Borough Manager John Davis, Borough Council President Jack O'Brien, Mayor Ron Strouse, and Karyn Hyland, Director of Building and Zoning. Councilperson Noni West was also present.

The **Minutes** of December 3, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

John explained the **Electric Charging Station Grant** application. The charging station is to be installed at the new Borough Hall building. This will include a partial reimbursement for money already allocated for the installation. On a motion from Jen and seconded by Joe, all members in attendance agreed to forward the resolution to Borough Council for approval.

John gave a **Broad Street Park Update**; thirteen trees have been planted. Construction at the new building is on hold for now due to the weather and holidays. Hardscape work is under way, however. DCNR grant discussions have begun and requirements are being worked through. The park should be ready for public use in August, and a ceremony should be planned.

John reviewed the updated **DAA Field/Court Use Requests**. There are now thorough travel softball, baseball and volleyball league plans involving Covid-19 protocols. There will be added requirements to the lease and permits in order to comply with all CDC directives involving Covid. John will review and clarify specifics on the wearing of masks at the fields. All in attendance agreed with the issuance of the lease and permits for the upcoming season.

New/Old Business: Joe has been asked by residents if the several trees removed behind War Memorial Field will be replaced. John noted, at this time, he is not aware of any plan for that but will discuss it with Phil Ehlinger and Dave Burger.

Wendy and Mayor Strouse discussed a request from Environment America and Penn Environment to be included in a letter directed to Congress regarding an upcoming infrastructure bill, as well as enlisting our help to encourage the same support from surrounding municipalities. Wendy suggested it be brought to the EAC to generate a joint resolution.

Wendy also mentioned a planned 'upcycle' event, which she will be volunteering with. She will also bring the information to the EAC and the Farmer's Market. There is also an electronics recycling event planned at ReStore.

Wendy would like to discuss newly-released bird-friendly lighting plans, and how it could be worked in to the new Borough building. John will review the details and compare with security purposes for the building and neighboring park.

Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.