

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilpersons Wendy Margolis (C), Tim Brennan, Joe Frederick, and Jennifer Jarret, as was Borough Manager John Davis.

The **Minutes** of the February 4, 2021 meeting were approved (Frederick-Brennan).

"Soccer Shots" Request for the Neis Park grass area, next to the softball field. John explained their soccer skills six-week program, for ages 3-8, which is always held on Saturdays for a couple hours, from mid-March to the end of April. The Park and Recreation Board endorses giving them a permit for \$25/day for six Saturdays. The permit will include our new standard condition that they comply with all CDC and PA COVID guidelines. We can see if we receive any complaints after the first time and see how it goes before we renew or consider future usage. The Committee agreed with the issuance of a permit.

Broad Street Park Update. Design is basically done for the Civil Plaza and they're finishing the specs themselves, which then needs to be sent to DCNR. They're a little behind, but are trying to catch up.

Old Business. Wendy stated that Philly, Narberth, and West Chester are suing the state about the **plastic bag ordinance prohibition**. Would like to register our support for this lawsuit officially. Wendy will forward information about the lawsuit to John, who will then check with our Solicitor to see whether we could file a friend of the court brief and find out the cost involved. Tim suggested doing another resolution due to the circumstances.

Wendy then asked for an update on **bird-friendly lighting plans** for the new building. John checked with Phil and they went through the checklist. Both John and Phil feel okay about it.

Public art project. This item is currently on CGA's agenda and is in very preliminary stages, but for informational purposes only, Jen said she met with Discover Doylestown and the Michener, and they're very enthusiastic about the idea of creating a bridge between the cultural district and the central business district to encourage downtown visitors to stay and explore. There's also a possibility of maybe wrapping or painting the barriers used for spring/summer outdoor dining and retail stores to sort of soft drum up interest.

Adjourned at 6:21 p.m. (Jarrett-Frederick)

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