

Park and Recreation Board Meeting Tuesday September 3, 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), Elizabeth Wyckoff, Pat Keppler, Barbara Healy, Dave Burger

Excused: Bob Huether

The following items were discussed:

1. Approval of May and June 2019 minutes
2. 2020 Capital Budget Discussion
 - Dave reviewed budget, as presented with picture packet
 - Mower, to replace old one from 1995. This mower will be able to be used for all parks to pair with two smaller mowers. (\$32,000)
 - New snow blower also proposed (\$2,500)
 - Wood fiber, done on an annual basis. This amount increased due to the need to dig out some of the old fiber and replaced. (\$4000)
 - Site furnishing, portable picnic tables 3 at Burpee and 2 at Chapman. These can be moved if needed for an event at another park (\$6000)
 - Dug out floors to prevent flooding (\$1500)
 - Burpee Park accessible equipment. The students from Pine Run want to raise more money to build upon the equipment from last year. In the past the borough had matched what the students raised. Conversation occurred on whether it would be pieces of equipment or a sensory equipment. Some options are:
 - Modified seesaw (\$4900)
 - Modified slide (\$2800)
 - Some sensory equipment
 - The consensus was to focus on the modified seesaw and modified slide. Dave will go back to Pam Pennsabe, the teacher leading the fundraising, to discuss the options and fundraising goals.
 - Chapman Park Fitness Station. There were fitness stations at Chapman in the past, they needed to be removed due to wear. Dave presented a variety of fitness equipment that could be used in the stations. Conversation occurred on the location of the equipment and if this is a good use of money. The possibility of using Neis Park for the fitness equipment. More investigation on this proposal will occur on where, other partners, (Hospital), and overall interest.
 - Chapman Park Borough Dam Access Path. This would use turf builders to give access to the trucks that are used to stock the Dam with fish. Gravel is put down first, then the pavers, dirt and seed are put on top to keep the visual effect and maintenance grass. (\$4000)
 - Pond maintenance. Treatment is needed to reduce the duck weed and other invasive growth. We have not done pond maintenance in a few years. (\$2000)
 - Design costs for the Broad Street Park are now part of the full park budget that is in the works for the capital costs that are being borrowed.
3. Bike and Hike Update: Elizabeth Wyckoff

- Pump track is doing really well and is holding up really well. A grant was received from the Central Bucks Bicycle Club for a bike repair station. The station went in today.
- Event with mountain bike team and Thompson Bucks County Classic with three stations, check your bike, an obstacle course and the pump track.
- Bike Hike meeting on October 2nd. This will focus on the trail meeting at Turk.
- Witches ride on October 26th, holiday lights ride will occur in December.

4. Recreation Manager's Report

- Scenic stroll starts tomorrow with Sheri Sullivan returning.
- Outdoor games summary, average was 13 participants. Casey, Director, intent is to return next year.
- Arts and Crafts morning average is 30 participants and afternoon was 26 participants. Denise, Director, intent is to return next year.
- Summer Shows went well, even with change of location to CB West and Doyle due to maintenance at Lenape.
- Tennis seasons 1 and 2, numbers have improved from last year. \$887 dollars came into the Borough this year from this program.
- First Saturday Chess will be moved to Saturday the 14th due to the Arts Festival. This will be simultaneous play.
- Park Tour results for July and August.

5. Borough Manager's Report

- Fido Float at Fanny is this Saturday, September 7th.
- Fanny is looking at creating a family changing room to be built for next season.
- Parks are in great shape with no large issues.
- Some trees are down in Maplewood due to disease and weather.
- Clean bill of health was given from DEP for Board Street Park! This does make use eligible for a grant to help with this park.

6. Old/New Business

- Kudos to the maintenance team for the work done at the corner of Church and Ashland.
- The park insurance review went really well.
- Dave Burger got recognition from Representative Wendy Ullman for the work he and his crew have done on the parks in Doylestown Borough Parks for National Park and Recreation Month.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:27

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2019