

## **Park and Recreation Board Meeting**

### **Tuesday November 5, 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

Absent: Pat Keppler, Barbara Healy, Bob Huether

Guest: Mayor Strouse

The following items were discussed:

1. Approval of October minutes
2. 2020 Capital Budget Review
  - Total proposal \$44,100
  - Stands as is from last meeting
  - Was conversation about having park furnishings through a donation program. This would meet the needs of multiple requests for "in honor of" donations.
  - Update will be given at our next meeting, which will be January 7, 2020.
3. Starbucks Park Proposal
  - Rick Lyons, owner of the Starbucks Building has proposed a "in town park" in the parking area in front of the building.
  - This location has been the site of pop up parks, which have been very popular
  - Mr. Lyons approached the borough to garnet interest.
  - There are also concerns about the cobblestone and the safety of this surface.
  - A traffic study was done, and there is not as much through traffic for parking as predicted.
  - This area is also used for other activities, which loses 4 parking spots, such as the holiday tree and a performance space.
  - Question has been raised about the borough relocating the spots to another area.
  - Mr. Lyons will be talking with Starbucks about the parking and new use of that area for a park.
  - This is private property and Mr. Lyons will be getting back to the borough after the first of the year, at earliest, on the concept.
  - There are still many issues to unpack on this idea.
4. Bike and Hike Update: Elizabeth Wyckoff
  - Witches ride on October 26<sup>th</sup>, was very successful. There were 83 witches riding in this ride! 739 current members of the women's group, Women Bike D-Town
  - Holiday lights ride will occur on December 15. This is an event open to all.
  - The Pump Track will be closed soon due to the weather.
  - Trial meeting in October went well. Most are supportive of the property. There are many obstacles to the Turk Road trail that are still being worked out.

5. Recreation Manager's Report

- Scenic stroll last walk for the fall is tomorrow, November 6. Sherri Sullivan will return in the spring of 2020. October averaged 17 walkers.
- Outdoor games participation average was 13 children. Outdoor Games Director, Kasey Oczowski's intent is to return for the 2020 season.
- Tennis seasons results will be coming mid- November .
- First Saturday chess indoor season began Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a comfortable program!
- Park tour for October was reported.

6. Borough Manager's Report

- Dave Burger finished the bridge at Chapman and is doing some fence work at Community. Everything for the capital projects are wrapped up for the year.

7. Old/New Business

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2020