

Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Doylestown Borough Parks and Recreation Board was held in person and via Zoom or those who could not attend in person.

The following members attendance: Gary Harris, James Lannon, Marlon Hitchon, Elizabeth Wyckoff, Pat Keppler, Robert Huether, Barbara Healy, and Jill Schweizer.

Also in attendance were Councilperson Dennis Livrone, Wendy Margolis and Borough Manager John Davis.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the June Meeting Minutes.

Minutes are now being taken from the by Jill Schweizer.

1. **New Chairman Selection:** Due to the move of Dennis Livrone to Councilperson, the Board needs to appoint a new Director. Jim Lannon has volunteered for this role. The committee is in full support for Jim in this role
2. **Broad Street Park:** Plaza construction is starting. Public Works is doing the grading of the soil. Public works is getting ready of the paving of Doyle Street. Trees will be planted along Atkinson in the fall. Completion date for this phase is looking like October/ November.

Next month a brochure will be ready to see possible equipment, (benches, playground, etc) for Broad Street that could be purchased through donations.

3. **2022 Capital Budget Update:** The majority of the funding for the Parks currently is being funneled to the new Park. During the walk discussion occurred for the accessible playground equipment, one piece from Pine Run students. Consideration for phase 2 of this accessible playground equipment.

At Chapman, Dave suggested consideration of a Pavilion. Dave also requested purchase of field maintenance equipment. The Borough currently rents this equipment.

Some maintenance and upgrades to the parks have been done via the operating budget.

To totally finish the accessible equipment at Burpee it would require doing both pieces of equipment. This could be in done in lieu of Pavilion this year. Both would not be feasible in this year's budget.

Jim made a request to approve the Maintenance Equipment and both pieces of equipment for the Burpee Park Accessibility playground equipment.

4. **Bike/Hike Update:** The Pump Track was under water after the storm Ida. The mountain bike team, coaches and kids, along with other rider volunteered their time to clean up and resurface the track. The mountain bike team has also been working with Liz on cleaning up the trails at Chapman. The skills area that was put in by Mike, the Eagle Scout, will also need work, as this was also damaged by the storm. Liz will also work on natural looking signage for the trails.

Laura Reppart, the Director of the Bike Race this weekend, worked very hard on Community events that coordinated with this race. Events were well attended and very successful.

5. **Recreation Director's Report:** Fall Scenic Stroll has begun. This first walk had 12 attendees. The summer walks were okay, average attendance was about 9 walkers per walk. The recommendation was to go back to Fall and Spring. Summer tends to be too hot. This is Sheri's 4th year as the leader of these walks.

First Saturday Chess has been on hold for awhile. These events, include simulations play, will be on hold for the fall and resume in the spring.

Summer shows this year were outside at Burpee Park. The first show's attendance was 40 people, 75 for the second and about 100 for the third. Thank you letters were sent to the sponsors. Thank yous were also included in the Herald.

Tennis, for seasons one and two, \$1995.20 was paid to the Borough, which is a significant increase from 2019. The third season is now underway.

The Parks and Rec Board does need to hire a Arts and Crafts Director for the summer

6. **Borough Manager's Report:** Broad Street is the dominant focus. Soccer shots are back for the fall. This is a popular program and we may want to consider expanding the Borough's involvement.

Clean up has been done at Chapman, with tree removal. Trees will be planted at Burpee in the fence line.

There was vandalism at Maplewood Park. The vandals were caught. Youth Aide has been involved, as the perpetrators were minors.

The trails at Maplewood is a priority for the fall.

7. **Old/New Business:** Wendy brought up the naming of the new Park. The Council wants to bring the community in the decision. This could be done via dmail. The Parks and Rec Board had discussed names in June: Broad Street Greene, Broad Street Gateway Park, Broad Street Plaza, Broad Street Park, Borough Hall Park, Borough Greene. These are the names sent to the Council for consideration to be sent for community review. The Parks and Rec Committee does still like the name Broad Steet Commons, as the definition of Commons fits this area perfectly.

Dennis thanked the Board, Dennis served on this Parks and Rec Board for the past 30 years, for their service. Dennis thanked the staff, John, Dave, and Gary for all their work.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM, Next meeting on October 5, 2021 at 7:00.