

Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 3, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Gary Harris, Patricia Keppler, James Lannon, Doreen McVaugh, and Borough Manager John Davis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The **Minutes** from the September 6, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

2023 Budget Update was provided by John Davis. There is not much to discuss at this time. The key item that changed the key Park and Recreational budget dynamic was the receipt of the grant for the Broad Commons playground which requires a \$250,000 match from the Borough. We will be looking for donors who wish to be recognized and have already received a \$50,000 pledge. We are hoping to take this large pledge and see if we can find some more people willing to make a substantial donation. DAA also agreed to contribute to the cost of redoing the infields of all the ballfields. Two other projects under consideration the sand and the netting at The Chapman Volley Ball courts and the repair of the tennis courts.

John spoke to the Board about the multipurpose courts at Burpee which are not used very frequently anymore. Dave Burger said for approximately \$1,000 he can create tennis courts that could be used for Pickle Ball. The Board was receptive to this proposal.

Comprehensive Plan Update was given by James Lannon. James gave a brief history of the Comprehensive Plan and what the final goal of the survey is. He showed the Board what the actual survey looks like and how it works. This update will be a regular agenda item.

Bike/Hike Report - The witches ride is coming up. The Bucks County TMA approached us with a federal grant to do demonstration bike lanes. We suggested E. State Street for a protected bike lane and if we are selected the bike lane will be installed and monitored at no cost to the Borough.

Recreation Director's Report - Gary Harris gave his park activity update. The last tennis lesson will happen in October this year. He will have the report for season 3 and 4 in November. First Saturday Chess in September was cancelled due to an emergency. The mural in Burpee Pavilion is close to complete. Lauren did a wonderful job. Additionally, the outside work to the pavilion has begun and is a positive improvement.

Borough Manager's Report – John gave an update to the volleyball program being run by Melinda Cozza. A session was added due to an increase in interest. He shared the idea of snow volleyball with the Board. The snow volleyball clinics will run from November through March. Ms. Cozza will also be running this program. The Board needs to discuss whether this program will become a Borough program and determine whether there is a way to bring this under the Borough's umbrella. Volleyball seems to be the biggest program right now in town. Ballfield maintenance will continue throughout the rest of the fall.

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Two new pieces of play equipment are pending for installation at Burpee. The supply chain issues are holding up the delivery of the equipment and they may not be installed until after the first of the New Year.

Work will continue in Maplewood on the trails in the winter when the ground freezes and the gazebo from Chapman was brought in for some repairs.

The Lions' Club approached us to hold their weekly concerts in Broad Commons. Talks will continue throughout the winter. Bucks Beautiful is also interested in adding daffodils into Broad Commons.

Old/New Business – In old business, James wanted to know if Central Bucks is still using the fields at Neis for their PE classes. There doesn't seem to be any problems or damage occurring to Borough facilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

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