

Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - 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, Doreen McVaugh, and Jill Schweizer.

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

The Board voted unanimously to approve the November Meeting Minutes.

Minutes are now being taken from the by Jill Schweizer.

After minutes were approved, our new member Doreen McVaugh was welcomed. Also a farewell has been given to Barbara Healy, not in attendance, who did not renew for another term.

2. Soccer Shots Program Agreement

The Board reviewed the Program Agreement, a partnership between Soccer Shots and the Doylestown Borough. The Borough gets a modest cut of the Soccer Shots fees. James highlighted two edits needed; the typo in the first section that says the program runs for children 2-5, which should read 2-8. The second edit is to change when it mentions Township changed to Borough. The Board unanimously agreed to recommend the partnership to the Council.

3. Broad Street Park Update

This is the first Parks meeting held at the new Borough Hall. The park is on hold as of now awaiting the backorder of benches and water fountains. Benches and Fountains are the next phase. The plaza and the bollards are completed. The Mercer Tiles have been installed. Broad Commons has passed as the Park's name. During the winter the benches and fountains will be installed and, in the spring, will more plantings will be completed. This will complete phase 1. Phase 2 will be the play area and the picnic area. It was suggested to flip the location of the play area and picnic area, to move the play area away from next to Broad Street. The idea at this time is to investigate options away from the standard play equipment. This discussion will occur when we are ready for that phase.

4. Broad Street Park Sponsorship Update

Sponsorship for benches, pillars, gateways, water fountains, and street lights at this time has been around \$40,000. Some of each are still available. This is a unique opportunity to participate in the project.

5. 2022 Budget Update

Items for the budget for this year includes equipment for the Parks Department and two pieces of Inclusive Play Equipment for Burpee Park. This will allow us to expand the area of the inclusive merry go round and adding the two new pieces of equipment.

Also included in this budget is the completion of the sidewalk along Atkinson.

The Developer of the Intell site will be redoing the intersection of Broad and Atkinson.

The budget projects the next 5 years in predictions of needs, one being the Pavilion Project at Chapman.

6. Bike/Hike Report

Liz reported the Holiday Lights ride was a success, even due to the cold. About 50 people came out to ride! The Bike and Hike Committee is currently working on the trail outside of the borough.

Riley McGroggan is doing an Eagle Scout project by doing building bridges and trails in the Park. Riley met with Dave. Riley will be presenting his project to the Parks and Rec Board in the near future.

Ryan Leveque, Eagle Scout Project, would like to do his project on signage on the trails. He will also be meeting with Dave.

Within this year the trail from Doylestown Hunt to Wawa will be completed.

7. Recreation Director's Report

Scenic Stroll has completed the fall session. The stroll averaged 12.5 participants. Sherri will be coming back for next year. A couple from Yardley, who participates in the walks, got their church, The First Church of Christ, to use their parking lot to do a in town walk.

Tennis Seasons 1 and 2, made \$1995, this is double from the prior year. (Note; 2020 did not have a Season 10 Season 3 and 4 this year yielded \$1927, this is up from last year as well.

Summer shows for children sponsorship letters will be going out soon. Last summer the shows were done at Burpee. The prediction at this time will be to continue to do these at Burpee.

For Summer of 2022, if the Arts Program will continue, we need a Director. Casey, the games Director is not coming back for the Summer of 2022, so a Director is needed for this program as well.

Gary reported on attendance on each park on his park preview for November and December.

8. Borough Manager's Report

Broad Commons will be put on the website for parks when it is developed. It is now a work in progress.

The Pump Track has held up well so far.

The goal is to get into Maplewood to work on the trails; waiting for it to dry out or freeze.

9. Old/New Business

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM, Next meeting on February 1, 2022 at 7:00.