

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
6:00 pm

MINUTES

Committee: Chairman, Mr. Moore, Mr. Carminito, Ms. Dugan, and Mr. Weiss

Public Members: Janet Hunter

Staff: Mr. Krack, Ms. Gibbons, Ms. Getzfread, and Mr. Watson

- I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items - None
- III. Presentations - None
- IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Ms. Dugan asked that the committee name change be moved to the end of New Business.

- V. New Business

- A. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Molly Maguires St. Patrick's Community Celebration on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Main and Bridge Parking Lot to be closed from 7:00 am to 12:00 am. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend. Seconded by Mr. Carminito.

Declan, Connor and Marjorie of Molly Maquires were in attendance for the event.

Motion Approved 3-0.

- B. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for A Whole Lot of LuLu on Saturday, April 29, 2023 and Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Main Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot. Main Street to be closed between Bridge Street and Church Street and the Parking Lot to be closed from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend. Seconded by Mr. Carminito.

Joan Moore and Keely Wrigley of LuLu Gifterie were present and asked about possible options for the event since the protocol for vehicles on the street are not

permitted at the end of the event. Ms. Moore asked if Council would allow vendors to park on Main Street while the event is taking place for easier end of day breakdown, if the Vendors could park on the designated spots on Prospect Street next to 16 and 20 Main Street, or if their event application could be amended and held on the weekend closure dates of May 6, 2023 and October 7, 2023. This option would only use the Main and Bridge Street lot and would require a cattle shoot setup so that vendors could access the lot for set-up and breakdown.

Mr. Krack stated that the parking of vehicle on Main Street is still a safety hazard for the pedestrians that would be attending the event. The Prospect Street Parking spots would also cause a safety issue as how would the vendors access them once the road is closed and the cattle shoot option that was employed previously was done as a solution to bring events back as a result of the slow reopening of events post the Covid shut down of events.

Mr. Watson stated that his biggest concern is the safety of the attendees to the event during the breakdown and indicated that allowing vehicles on the road at the conclusion is a dangerous situation. The Public Works staff would be there at both the beginning of the event and at the end to open the road once it is clear of pedestrians and vendors.

Mr. Wrigley stated that the increase in cost for Staff and inability for the vendors to bring cars on the road for breakdown is problematic and will reduce the number of vendors wishing to participate in the market.

Ms. Dugan suggested they continue to work with Staff to work out the logistics of the event between now and the Council Meeting on February 14, 2023.

Mr. Weiss arrived at 6:15 pm.

Motion Approved 4-0.

- C. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Relay for Life – Paint the Town Purple on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Reeves Park. Main Street to be closed between Second and Third Avenues between 7:30 am and 1:30 pm. Third Avenue to be closed between Main Street and Starr Street from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

Linda Warrington and Mary Louise Miller of Relay for Life addressed the committee regarding the road closure request, they indicated they spoke with Borough Staff and it was determined they should close Third Avenue between

Main and Starr rather than Second Avenue and Main Street. They have no issue with this suggested change and are willing to do as Staff suggests. Mr. Krack indicated he would have the item amended and the correct road closure for approval of Council on February 14, 2023.

Motion Approved 4-0.

- D. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Chester County Pride Fest in the 100 and 200 Blocks of Bridge Street on Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. 100 and 200 Blocks of Bridge Street between Gay Street and Starr Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend. Seconded by Ms. Dugan.

Drew Boardman from Chester County Pride was in attendance for the event.

Motion Approved 4-0.

- E. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Phoenixville Art Street Festival in the 100 and 200 Blocks of Bridge Street on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Bridge Street between Gay Street and Starr Street to be closed from 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Henrik Stubbe Teglbjaerg asked about the use of the Bridge and Main Street lot for music during the event.

Mr. Krack reviewed the application for the committee and indicated the application stated bands may be performing in the 200 block of Bridge Street and on Main Street.

Mr. Teglbjaerg stated the request should have been for the Main and Bridge lot.

Mr. Watson asked if they would need the Borough Stage.

Mr. Teglbjaerg stated they would not as the acts perform on carpets laid on the

ground and don't need to be elevated.

Mr. Krack stated the applicant would need to clarify there requests for the event to staff by Thursday so the correct information could be included for Council approval on February 14, 2023.

Motion Approved 4-0.

- F. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Juneteenth Celebration in the 200 Block of Bridge Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot on Sunday, June 18, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The 200 Block of Bridge Street between Gay Street and Main Street and Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend. Seconded by Ms. Dugan.

Motion Approved 4-0.

- F. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Blobfest 2023 on Friday, July 14 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, July 15, 2023 in the 100 and 200 Blocks of Bridge Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Bridge Street to be closed on July 14, 2023 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm between Starr Street and Gay Street. Bridge Street and Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed on July 15, 2023 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Drew Boardman of the Colonial Theatre was in attendance for the event.

Mr. Weiss stated he thought there was an issue with this event last year.

Mr. Krack clarified it was with vehicles wanting to park on the street and it had been discussed with Staff and the applicant.

Motion Approved 4-0.

- G. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for WuFF Jam 2023 on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm in Reeves Park. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.
Motion Approved 4-0.

I. Discussion regarding July 4, 2023 Independence Day Celebrations.

Mr. Krack presented the proposals for the Fireworks display and offered an alternative of a drone show in lieu of the Fireworks. This is used to address the loud noises from the fireworks that have a negative effect on some individuals and the animals in the Borough.

Ms. Dugan stated she would like to keep with the Fireworks display as the residents do expect the show to take place.

Ms. Gibbons indicated she looked into a drone show and it is more costly than the fireworks. The few companies she reached out to are already booked for this year. She will look into the costs and it may be an option for 2024.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend Council award the contract to D&M Fireworks in the amount of \$11,000 for 2023. Seconded by Mr. Carminito.

Motion Approved 4-0.

J. Review and consider Memorandum on changing name of the Committee.

Mr. Krack presented a proposed committee name change to Parks, Recreation and Community Resources. The goal is twofold to bring into the committee the work of the Beautification Advisory Commission and to allow those applying for events to more readily recognize this committee handles the requests for Temporary Community Events.

Ms. Dugan expressed her concerns that residents may confuse the purpose of the committee and may come to the Borough or Recreation Center looking for community services.

Mr. Moore stated the name to him did not bring to mind the public looking for community services as the Borough does have 60 plus non-profits available to assist those in need.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend the name change of the committee to the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Committee. Seconded by Mr. Carminito.

Jane Dugdale, resident. She stated she believes the name should be changed to Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee.

Motion Tied 2-2. Ms. Dugan and Mr. Carminito voting No.

Mr. Carminito made a Motion to recommend the committee name be changed to Parks, Recreation, and Beautification. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Motion Tied 2-2. Mr. Moore and Mr. Weiss voting No.

VI. Current Focus Business - None

VII Public Participation - None

VIII. Adjournment at 6:57 pm by Mr. Weiss.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm