

Phoenixville Borough Recreation Department

The Mission of the Phoenixville Recreation Board is to advance parks, recreation, and environmental conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people.

Meeting held on January 23, 2023, at the Recreation Center at 401 Fillmore Street

Members Present: Dana Dugan, Dave Gill, Kathy Gill, Janet Hunter, Ed Lantzy and Allison Peffle

Members Absent: Shanlee Fisher and Bob House

Staff Present: Melissa Gibbons, Josh Tribbett and Dolores Winston

Staff Absent: None

Meeting Called to order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gill at 6:30 pm after declaring The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Ed Lantzy made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2022 meeting. Kathy Gill seconded. Approved. There was no December 2022 meeting.

Visitors: None present.

Staff Report for Adult Programs/Leagues: Ms. Gibbons reported the following information for current programs: Women's Volleyball has 10 teams in the Power League and 4 in the BC League; Men's Basketball League has 4 teams; Pickleball League has 9 teams; Yoga has added 3 new classes including an all abilities class:

Other youth programs/events include: Basketball – 36 participants; Soccer Shots – 30 participants
Staff will be attending the PASD Camp Expo on February 9, 2023

Staff Report for CTC and Community Programs: Ms. Winston shared that Family Night Out for January was held with Family Phys Ed Fun and had 30 participants; The February Family Night Out will be on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30. The program, Love Your Heart (Bingo) is being run by the Phoenixville Hospital. Sew Much Fun with the Penn State Extension has 7 participants and has moved to 6-week sessions.

Unfinished Business:

Mountain Bike Skills Park: Ms. Gibbons shared that the Park should be completed in March with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony following this spring.

Veterans Park Plan: Ms. Gibbons shared that we are still waiting for the agreement to be finalized.

Project Updates: Reeves Park: Installation of the internal walkways is complete! The ramp and railing are almost done.

The Community Garden: Josh Tribbett has been coordinating with the Trellis Foundation on the reconfiguration and building of the Community Garden. The deer fence is up.

New Business: Mr. Lantzy shared that he spoke with the neighbor of the Carey Street Park regarding her concerns and requests. Ms. Gibbons and Ms. Hunter also visited the park.

Ms. Peffle shared pictures of the Reeves Park playground that need fixing.

Ms. Gibbons shared that Ms. Fisher let her know that she wouldn't be able to attend meetings.

Move to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Lantzy and seconded by Kathy Gill. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hunter
Secretary

Mr. Kirkner attended the Recreation Board meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 and expressed his concern regarding some behaviors he and his wife, Maureen, have noticed at recent games/events at Pat Nattle Field, including profanity being used, smoking of marijuana, and changing clothes on the field. He also said there is a sign on the field that has an obscenity on it.

Mr. Beck outlined how the WHRFC Board deals with issues that occur on the field as follows:

- All players from both the home team and visiting teams are given the league rules and asked to comply
- A stronger policy regarding breaking any rules has been instituted with players going before their Disciplinary Board if needed
- Players involved in an issue are contacted and the issues are spoken about
- Dismissal of the player from the League will be enforced if so deemed
- Signs are posted stating No Alcohol is allowed
- Players try to “police” spectators during the game to make sure they are adhering to the rules

- Board Members stay until the game is over and the field is cleared
- All players have been instructed not to confront any neighbors, but to call the police instead.

Discussion followed among the Recreation Board members

Ms. Gibbons will request the WHRFC to share their policies with the Board.