

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 February 27, 2023, at the Recreation Center at 501 Franklin Avenue

Members Present: Dana Dugan, Dave Gill, Kathy Gill, Bob House, Janet Hunter, and Ed Lantzy

Members Absent: Shanlee Fisher and Allison Peffle

Staff Present: Melissa Gibbons and Josh Tribbett

Staff Absent: Dolores Winston

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 January 2023 meeting. Kathy Gill seconded. Approved.

Visitors: None present.

Staff Report for Adult Programs/Leagues: Ms. Gibbons reported the following information for current programs: Hey Day Basketball will start on March 8; Pickleball League has 12 teams; Spring Softball has 9 teams in the Co-ed League and 10 in the Men's League.

Other youth programs/events include: Jump Start Sports Basketball – 40 participants; Snapology – 4; Young Rembrandts – 4; Youth Yoga – 14; Flag Football Clinic – 26. Parents' Night Out had 10 participants. Sign-ups for Summer Camp has begun.

Staff Report for CTC and Community Programs: No report given due to Ms. Winston's absence. Ms. Dugan shared that Council voted not to renew their contract with CTC effective June 30, 2023.

Unfinished Business:

Mountain Bike Skills Park: Ms. Gibbons shared that the construction has moved to the end of April.

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

Project Updates: Reeves Park: The ramp and railing installation is done.

The Community Garden: Josh Tribbett shared that the garden beds have been built; the bee hives will be moved into the fenced enclosure; more work days have been added; a new shed will be installed; the Borough donated wood chips; 50% of food grown will be donated to PACS.

New Business:

Park/Trail Rules: Time was spent reviewing current Borough Ordinances for Parks and Recreation and the Rules and Regulations for Phoenixville Borough Parks. A discussion followed. It is our recommendation to the Parks and Rec Committee that Ordinances and Rules remain as is.

Disc Golf Course: A neighbor brought up concerns to Ms. Gibbons about players going on their property to retrieve overthrown discs.

Fisher Tennis Courts: Mr. Tribbett shared that pickleball players have complained about available time for play. Mr. Tribbett shared a graph with available open times vs Rec program use times. The court is open $\frac{3}{4}$ of the time.

Shanlee Fisher has resigned from the Board.

Move to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Lantzy and seconded by Kathy Gill. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 20, 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.