

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 Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Recreation Center at 501 Franklin Avenue

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

Members Absent: Frank Markey

Staff Present: Melissa Gibbons

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 June 2023 meeting. Kathy Gill seconded. Approved.

Visitors – Public Comment: Chuck Coppedge, Marcia Etheridge, Maria Galarza and Nancy Thomas representing Diversity in Action. Questions were asked regarding Open Gym, the procedure for becoming a Recreation Board Member, tracking the diversity of people who use the Center; diversity of staff and the Recreation Board and the idea of providing a “Loop Bus” for those without transportation.

Staff Report for Programs/Activities/Leagues: Ms. Gibbons reported numbers for the following programs: Mini Camp week of 6/12 = 12 campers; Mini Camp week of 6/26 = 17 campers; Playground Camp began June 19 with 24 campers attending half day and 59 attending full day; Young Rembrandts Art Camp = 8; Quidditch Camp = 5; Ultimate Frisbee Camp = 4; Yoga Mini Camp = 9; Soccer Shots Mini = 21; Soccer Shots Classic = 38; Soccer Shots Premier = 16. The Mental Health Day was a great success.

Unfinished Business:

Mountain Bike Skills Park: Ms. Gibbons shared that the park is doing well and being used often. Some repairs will be made soon and more parking will be added behind the Reservoir.

Veterans Park Plan: Ms. Gibbons shared that conduit was run to the lights and Fall Softball will have some night games.

Project Updates: There is not enough room for an infant swing to go into Lane Avenue Park unless trees are removed.

Park Comprehensive Plan: The following will be added to the Plan and hopefully approved by Council for the 2024 budget: Add parking at Fisher Court/Manavon Park; Create a Bocce Court on the hockey area at the High Street Park; Complete tree work and redo the basketball court at Cascaden Park

New Business:

Reeves Park Communications Board: Ms. Gibbons shared a mock-up of the message board to be placed on the fence at Reeves Park. The board has been approved by Council and is being created and donated by Mackenzie Frees.

The money for the cancelled 2023 Fireworks will be carried over to next year.

Move to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Allison Peffle and seconded by Bob House. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hunter
Secretary