

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, August 21, 2023, at the Recreation Center at 501 Franklin Avenue

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

Members Absent: Dana Dugan, Dave Gill and Frank Markey

Staff Present: Melissa Gibbons and Sam Altern

Staff Absent: None

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

Approval of Minutes: Kathy Gill made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2023 meeting. Allison Peffle seconded. Approved.

Visitors – Public Comment: Theresa Thornton and Amira Brown Thornton for Andre Thornton Day and Tamela Luce President/CEO Phoenixville Community Health Foundation

Staff Report for Programs/Activities/Leagues: Ms. Gibbons shared that Open Volleyball has been well received. Fall Volleyball has 5 teams in the B League and 7 in the Power League. Working with the Phoenixville Senior Center to start a Shuffleboard League. Working with PMYC, Phuture Phantoms and AAU for youth basketball programs.

Ms. Gibbons reported numbers for the following programs: Mini Camp week 3 = 26 campers; Facetime Theater Camp: 26; Flag Football Camp = 73; Young Rembrandts Art Camp = 11; Science Explorers = 20; Skate the Foundry Skate Camp = 9; Fundamental Tennis Camp = 6; Youth Yoga = 7. Youth Open Gym is Monday thru Thursday from 3:30 – 5:30 and Friday from 3:30 – 4:30. A QR Code has been created to link to a google doc for registration. There is no fee.

Unfinished Business:

Mountain Bike Skills Park: Ms. Gibbons shared that the park had some drainage repairs completed.

Veterans Park Plan: Ms. Gibbons shared that the lights should be operating in September.

Reeves Park Communication Board: Ms. Gibbons shared that the installation will be happening soon.

New Business:

Reeves Park: Ms. Gibbons shared that two gates have been removed from the Playground in the Park area. The service gate remains up but locked.

Andre Thornton Day: Will be held in Andre Thornton Park on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 1:00-4:00. Stephanie Umbach will host An Intro to Pickleball for the Recreation Department.

Executive Session: The Board moved to an Executive Session. The decision was made to add a second Visitors Comment section and Executive Session to the Agenda. Ms. Gibbons will check the policies.

Move to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Gill and seconded by Allison Peffle. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hunter
Secretary