

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, June 19, 2023, at the Recreation Center at 501 Franklin Avenue

Members Present:, Dana Dugan, Kathy Gill, Janet Hunter, Ed Lantzy and Frank Markey

Members Absent: Dave Gill, Bob House and Allison Peffle

Staff Present: Melissa Gibbons

Staff Absent: Dolores Winston and Josh Tribbett

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 March 2023 meeting. Ed Lantzy seconded. Approved. There were no meetings held in April or May.

Visitors: None present.

Staff Report for Adult Programs/Leagues: Ms. Gibbons reported that camp started today. Woman's Volleyball is completing their season with playoffs this week. PAPA started their Summer Basketball Program last week. A new Mental Health Program will be held this Saturday.

Staff Report for CTC and Community Programs: There was no report due to Ms. Winston's absence.

Unfinished Business:

Mountain Bike Skills Park: Ms. Gibbons shared that the park is open! The Ribbon Cutting and Opening Day were successful. More parking will be available in the fall behind the Reservoir.
Veterans Park Plan: Ms. Gibbons shared that the lights are up and waiting to be connected. Fall Softball will have some night games. A cricket pitch was placed on the field.
Project Updates: Reeves Park: The pinwheels were fixed.
The Community Garden: There was no report due to Mr. Tribbett's absence.

New Business:

Staff: Ms. Gibbons reported on the following:

Dolores Winston's last day is June 30, 2023.

Josh Tribbett's last day is June 30, 2023.

Trying to resolve some issues with the Reeves Park Restrooms

Board Reorganization has been postponed

July 2, 2023 Fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 2nd with the rain-date being Friday, July 7th

Comprehensive Plan: Recreation Board Members shared their ideas and concerns for the parks that had been assigned to them. The following list of ideas were prioritized:

- Joe Rowan Park: Safety issues with sidewalks, benches and the hockey court need to be addressed. Add handrails at the steps to High Street. Can we do anything about the spiked fence along the Friendship Fire Company Diving-Rescue Unit property line? (Who owns the fence?) Check on the water fountain. Would we be able to place a bocce Court in the current hockey court space?
- Cascadan Park: Tree maintenance needs to be done; specifically, around the basketball court. Needs blue Cascaden Park sign. Add a tot lot. Add a pavilion. Plant more trees. Replace broken bench. Redo the Basketball Court.
- Andre Thornton Park: Clean out dead bushes around courtyard. Add a pavilion in the lower half near the small parking area. (The electric box with the mural of Andre Thornton is loose- who is responsible to fix it)
- Lane Avenue: Add a baby seat swing-set
- Fisher Park: Add more parking around the tennis court
- Add pet waste bags at all parks
- Would we be able to place a skate park at thee new firehouse?
- Is there any land available in Phoenixville to purchase for new ideas/parks?

Move to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Gill and seconded by Frank Markey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hunter
Secretary

