

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, September 18, 2023, at the Recreation Center at 501 Franklin Avenue

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

Members Absent: Bob House

Staff Present: Sam Altern

Staff Absent: Melissa Gibbons

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 August 2023 meeting. Kathy Gill seconded. Approved.

Visitors – Public Comment: Nancy Thomas from Diversity in Action thanked the Recreation Department for having Open Gym hours at no cost.

Maria Galarza from Diversity in Action shared the group is working on an “Action Plan” that will include the following: transparency; inclusivity; diversity; accessibility and a vision. Phoenixville Area Transition, Alianzas De Phoenixville; En Familia; Black Light Projects; Social Concerns and Phoenixville Community Health Foundation all have members in this group.

Staff Report for Programs/Activities/Leagues: Mr. Altern shared that Fall Coed Softball League has 7 teams and the Men’s League has 7 teams. Fall Women’s Volleyball has 5 teams in the BC League and 7 teams in the Power League.

Mr. Altern reported numbers for the following programs in August: Science Explorers Camps = 23 in school age and 15 in preschool age; Snapology Camps = Week 1 ~ 16, Week 2 ~ 13, Week 3 ~ 12; Jump Start Sport = Week 1 ~ 35 and Week 2 ~ 32; Youth Yoga Camps = Preschool ~ 8 Week 1 ~ 12 and Week 2 ~ 20; Youth Basketball Camp = 52; Quidditch = 4; Skate Camp = 17; Young Rembrandts Art = 11.

Unfinished Business:

Mountain Bike Skills Park: Mr. Altern shared that repairs were made to the park due to flooding in some areas and the repairs seem to have fixed the issues.

Veterans Park Plan: The lights have been adjusted and softball games under the lights will begin this week.

Reeves Park Communication Board: Trying to coordinate installation at the playground.

Reeves Park Playground: Waiting to hear about the gate issue from our insurance carrier.

New Business: Reservoir Park Update: Work has started to clean out the area around the reservoir while adding new fencing. New parking spots on the north side of the Reservoir will be created.

Fall Festival: The Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 28th from 12-3 pm at the Phoenixville Recreation Center. Flyers have gone out in English, Portuguese, and Spanish. Volunteers are needed that day. Please contact Ms. Gibbons to help.

Move to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Lantzy and seconded by Allison Peffle. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hunter
Secretary