

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
6:00 pm

MINUTES

Committee: Chairman, Mr. Moore, Mr. Carminito, Ms. Dugan, and Mr. Weiss

Public Members: Janet Hunter

Staff: Mr. Krack, Ms. Gibbons, Ms. Getzfread, and Mr. Watson

I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm

II. Public Participation - None

III. Presentations

- A. Eagle Scout Proposal from Troop 58 Life Scout Ian Cockerham. The Proposal is for repair/refurbishment of lighting at Reeves Park Veterans Memorial. Some landscape upgrades will be included.

Ian Cockerham explained the concepts of his proposal and who would be involved to assist him. He anticipates the project would start towards the end of January 2024 and he will coordinate all of the work with the Public Works Director.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to recommend Borough Council approve the proposal.
Seconded by Ms. Dugan. Motion passed 3-0.

IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Ms. Gibbons noted the Mountain Bike Training site will be closed for the season beginning Friday, December 1. Weather will determine when the site will reopen in the Spring of 2024. She also noted that the new gates for the All Abilities Playground have been ordered and it should take about five weeks for delivery and installation.

V. New Business

- A. Discussion regarding 2024 PXV Inside Out.

Ms. Getzfread provided information on the results of the two surveys conducted by the Borough. Mr. Krack provided information on changes Staff is recommending should Borough Council continue the PXV Inside Out in 2024.

Susan Meadows thanked Staff for the information they reported. She also made note of the recent forum held at the Colonial Theatre and suggested another forum be scheduled prior to any Council decision.

Bill Peters reported on the number of businesses that have closed and alluded to potential four others.

David Lutzker made note the he personally likes the concept of the closure but that he also understands the concerns of the business and hopes that Borough Council will take that into consideration as the deliberate on the closure concept.

Evan Lambert, owner of Vecchia Nuova supports the closure as his small business benefits with the additional space for outdoor seating. He also supports the concept of making weather decisions in advance to assist businesses and those who come into the Borough to know whether the streets will be closed.

Hillary stated she is totally in favor of the downtown closure.

Aden Thornbury is in favor of the downtown closure. He stated that he had looked into the purchase of the Pickering Inn, but that its location would be negatively impacted by the street closure.

B. Discussion regarding Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot RFP.

Mr. Krack provided background on the concept being discussed and that this went through committee in March and before Borough Council in April for the County Grant Program and again in November for the Commonwealth Grant Program. The RFP is slated to be released on December 1, 2023 and proposals are due back on February 1, 2024.

David Lutzker asked whether there would be any public input on the design. He also suggested that a second level be added to the lot so that parking could be on the ground floor and the park on the second floor.

Katherine Gascon likes the idea of the conversion but asked whether access to the parking lot could come in from Main Street.

Jane Dugdale asked that whatever design is proposed that it take into consideration the mural recently completed by Theresa Haag.

C. Discussion regarding TCE's.

Mr. Krack provided background on concerns Staff has with event coordinators not knowing what they can and cannot do. He stated Staff will be updating the application so there are more clear directions for the event coordinators as they plan their events.

D. Motion to cancel the December 19, 2023 Meeting.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to cancel the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Dugan. Motion passed 3-0.

VI. Public Participation.

J.D. Malone noted that there will be total staff support for the Eagle Scout Proposal.

VII Adjournment at 7:245 pm by Mr. Weiss.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.