

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
6:00 pm

MINUTES

Committee: Chairperson, Mr. Moore, Ms. Burckley, 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 on Non-Agenda Items
 - A. No public participation.
- III. Presentations
 - A. No presentations.
- IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions
 - A. No Committee Member updates or discussion.
- V. New Business
 - A. Discussion regarding 2024 PXV Inside Out.

Mr. Krack reported on Staff recommendations regarding concerns that have been expressed by members of the business community.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the PXV Inside Out for 2024 from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

Mr. Moore stated that several business members have made other suggestions to the start and end dates.

Mr. Weiss amended his motion to recommend approval from Memorial to the first weekend in October. Ms. Burckley agreed to the amendment.

Mr. Moore opened public comment.

Susan Meadows expressed the concerns from the business community and asked that the PXV Inside Out only occur on the First Friday Weekend due to the many impacts which businesses have expressed.

Henrik Stubbe Teglbjaerg expressed his understanding of the concerns but supports the street closing.

Theresa Brewer expressed her understanding of the work Council has to do. She asks that they only close the streets once per month.

On the Question:

Ms. Burckley provided background regarding her reasons for recommending Borough Council approve the PXV Inside Out for 2024.

Ms. Dugan provided background regarding her reasons for not recommending the proposed dates. She requested PXV Inside Out occur only on the First Friday Weekend.

Mr. Moore provided background on his research and understanding from all sides and why he is recommending PXV Inside Out for 2024.

Mr. Weiss provided background on his reasons for supporting the PXV Inside Out for 2024.

Motion passed 3-1. Ms. Dugan voting No.

B. Update on Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot RFP.

Mr. Krack reported there were 21 firms and over 40 people attending the Zoom meeting to discuss the RFP. He stated the RFP's were due February 1 and he expects to have a recommendation for the next Committee Meeting.

C. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on Saturday, April 13, 2024 in Reeves Park from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. No Street Closures. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Chris Zaccarelli and Vivona Xu gave background on the event.

Motion passed 4-0.

D. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Phoenixville Earth Day 2024 at Reservoir Park on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Franklin Street above Fillmore and the Reservoir Parking Lot to be closed from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

David Lutzker gave background on the event.

Motion passed 4-0.

- E. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Chester County Pride Fest in the 100 and 200 Blocks of Bridge Street on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. 100 and 200 Blocks of Bridge Street between Gay Street and Starr Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Drew Boardman gave background on the event.

Motion passed 3-0. Ms. Dugan out of the room.

- F. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Phoenixville Art Street Festival in the 100 and 200 Blocks of Bridge Street on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Bridge Street between Gay Street and Starr Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed from 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Shaina Pratte gave background on the event.

Motion passed 4-0.

- G. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Juneteenth Celebration in the 200 Block of Bridge Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot on Sunday, June 16, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The 200 Block of Bridge Street between Gay Street and Main Street and Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

Drew Boardman gave background on the event.

Motion passed 4-0.

- H. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Blobfest 2024 on Friday, July 12 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturday, July 13, 2024 in the 100 and 200 Blocks of Bridge Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Bridge Street to be closed on July 12, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm between Gay Street and Main Street. Bridge Street and Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed on July 13, 2024 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Drew Boardman gave background on the event.

Motion passed 4-0.

- I. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Phoenixville Blues Festival in Reeves Park on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm. Third Avenue closed between Main and Starr Street from 9:00 am to 12:00 midnight. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Mr. Moore asked for more information regarding how the proposed Beer Garden would work when the packet comes to Borough Council.

Motion passed 4-0.

VI. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VII. Adjournment at 7:32 pm by Mr. Weiss

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm.