

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 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. Shaina Pratte expressed concerns regarding the fees associated with the Temporary Community Events.

B. Nina Guzman expressed concerns regarding the fees associated with the Temporary Community Events.

III. Presentations

None.

IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Ms. Gibbons provided an update on Camp registration in March and the timeframe for reopening the Bike Park once maintenance is completed sometime in April.

Mr. Krack expressed his understanding regarding the fees associated with Temporary Community Events. He also pointed out that there have been numerous events throughout the United States that have safety related issues occur. He stated the Borough has to keep those things in mind which increases the personnel needed for these types of events with thousands of people attending.

Ms. Burckley asked whether Staff could look into the schedule of fees to see where a medium could occur thereby possibly bringing down various fees.

Mr. Krack stated Staff would meet tomorrow and work out a reasonable compromise for this year and would come back to this Committee in the next couple of months with recommendations for moving forward in 2025 and beyond.

V. New Business

A. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Annual Dogwood Festival from May 15 through May 18, 2024 (6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Wed - Fri) and (1:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Saturday). Streets to be closed are 2nd and 3rd Avenue between Main and Starr Streets throughout the event. For the Dogwood Parade, Paradise Street from Cedar

Hollow, Smithworks Boulevard from Paradise Street to Main Street, Main Street from Smithworks Boulevard to 5th Avenue at 11:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 18, 2024 for the parade. No parking in the Smithworks Parking Lot and on Main Street from Smithworks Boulevard to 5th Avenue. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE. Seconded by Ms. Dugan. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Ms. Burckley abstaining due to conflict.

- B. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Alianzas 14th Annual Diversity Festival in Reeves Park on Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. No Street closures. Conditioned upon receipt of all fees and valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 4-0.

- C. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Borough of Phoenixville Birthday Celebration at the Recreation Center and Dayton Street Field on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Fillmore Street to be closed from Franklin Avenue to South Street from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 4-0.

- D. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Borough of Phoenixville Fireworks display at Dayton Street Field on Friday, July 5, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm. Fillmore Street to be closed from Franklin Avenue to South Street from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE. Seconded by Ms. Dugan. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. Public Participation.

Shaina Pratte expressed concerns regarding the number of porta-potties being required and suggested numerous retail establishments in the downtown provide opportunities to frequent the establishment and to utilize their facilities.

Mr. Krack stated there is no way the Borough can encourage something of that nature and that porta-potties are the responsible way to provide facilities.

Ms. Getzfread provided the background on where the number of porta-potties stems from, but that Staff will look a reasonable number based on the type of even it is.

VII. Adjournment at 6:40 by Mr. Weiss.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm.