

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 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. All present.

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

No public participation.

III. Presentations

No presentations.

IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Mr. Moore reminded everyone of the upcoming Earth Day.

Ms. Dugan provided information regarding the Borough's upcoming 175 Birthday Celebration at the Recreation Center on Saturday, April 20.

Ms. Gibbons reported that Valley Forge University students would be doing their annual Clean-up Day on Wednesday, April 17. She also reported the Mountain Bike Park would open up in Mid-May weather dependent.

V. New Business

A. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Kiwanis Patriotic Celebration at Reeves Park on Friday, May 24, 2024 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. No parking on the north side Third Avenue between B Street and Main Street from 830 am to 12:00 noon to allow school buses to park.

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

B. Motion to waive all fees associated with the rental and utilization of Reeves Park for the Kiwanis Patriotic Celebration on May 24, 2024.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend Borough Council waive the fees as requested. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

On the question.

Mr. Weiss expressed concerns as to how Council determines which events to waive the fees.

Ms. Burckley noted for the public that in the case of this event, there is practically nothing Borough staff provides in the way of personnel or services and that this is an annual event for the school children which Council has historically waived.

Mr. Weiss asked whether there is a policy on when and what to waive.

Mr. Krack stated that there was a period of time when Borough Council waived fees for five or six events as being Borough events. He cautioned that the waiving of any fees is Council's prerogative but that trying to establish any such policy with so many events occurring each year was not something he would recommend.

Mr. Weiss suggested this topic be put on the Policy Committee Agenda.

Motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Weiss voting No.

- C. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Phoenixville Car Show on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Reeves Park. Second Avenue and Third Avenue to be closed between Starr Street and Main Street from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of all fees and 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 4-0.

- D. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Phoenixville Police Department National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Recreation Center Parking Lot at 501 Franklin Avenue.

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

- E. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the 42nd Anniversary Andre Thornton Day at Andre Thornton/C' Jon Saunders Park on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. North Main Street to be closed between Vanderslice Street and High Street from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. 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. Burckley. Motion passed 4-0.

- F. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the SHRC – Phoenix Wheel Heritage Award Celebration at the Borough Hall Parking Lot on Friday, October 11, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

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

- G. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Burn off the Bird 5K starting and ending at the Recreation Center on Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Franklin Avenue between Grant Street and Fillmore Street and Fillmore Street between Franklin Avenue and Cromby Road to be closed for approximately five minutes each. 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. Ms. Burckley abstained due to conflict.

VI. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VII. Adjournment at 6:36 pm by Ms. Burckley.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm.