

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 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, Ms. Strunk, and Mr. Watson

I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

No public participation

III. Presentations

No presentations

IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Ms. Burckley noted that she has talked with several businesses who had previously been concerned about the street closure and who are now embracing the closure and beginning to see business improvements.

Ms. Gibbons provided an update on various programs.

Mr. Krack reported that due to the extreme hot weather, Staff was monitoring the situation as it related to the upcoming street closure for the weekend. Staff will make that decision on Thursday.

Mr. Krack reported that several downtown businesses owners have been approached by other businesses looking to partner as part of the PXV Inside/Out. Staff will work with each of those within the corporate limits of the Borough only. An application and certificate of insurance will be required, but additional application fee given the core business has already paid that.

V. New Business

A. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Greenixville – The Phoenixville Green Earth Festival under the Veterans Memorial Gay Street Bridge and along the French Creek Trail on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

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

B. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Oktoberruck Event on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 10:00 am to

2:00 pm. 100 Block of Bridge Street between Main Street and Starr Street from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. 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 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Weiss. Motion passed 4-0.

- C. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the 38th Annual Phoenixville Run 5K and 10K Running Races from Reeves Park to the Schuylkill River Trail on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. Second Avenue to be closed between Main Street and Starr Street from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

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

- D. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Bed Races Event on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Third Avenue to be closed between Main Street and Starr Street from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. 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 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Weiss. Motion passed 3-0-1. Ms. Burckley abstained due to conflict.

- E. Discussion on establishing an Annual Community Day Event in lieu of fireworks beginning in 2025.

Mr. Krack provided background on complaints received from the residents around the Reservoir Park area where the fireworks show was held this year as part of the birthday celebration. The intent of the discussion is to make the committee and council aware that fireworks in close proximity to the homes is a concern due to the noise but also to the amount of debris that lands on their houses and in their yards. If Council want to continue these events, Staff and the fireworks vendor have to work with the homeowners on the cleanup after the events.

VI. Public Participation.

There was no public participation

VII. Adjournment at 6:35 by Mr. Weiss

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