

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

I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm. Mr. Moore excused. Ms. Dugan chaired the meeting.

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

No public participation.

III. Presentations

No presentations.

IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Ms. Gibbons reported the Bocce ball and horseshoe courts project has started. She reported that the basketball court at Cascaden Park was also set to being.

V. New Business

A. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the 2nd Annual Mrs. Roper Romp in the 100 and 200 Block of Bridge Street and Bridge and Main Street Lot on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passes 3-0.

B. Discussion regarding 2025/2026 Independence Day Fireworks Celebration.

Ms. Dugan provided information and concerns she received from the recent celebration and asked Staff to take them into consideration for future events.

Ms. Getzfread reported that Staff had discussed the concept of having the celebration on the same day each year and suggested that it always be the First Saturday in July. This would allow all neighbors and participants to plan their day and also allow Staff to plan the events in advance.

Mr. Krack noted that in 2026, it will be the 250th Anniversary of the United States and that we should lock in that date with the fireworks vendor now as there is likely to be a lot more events all vying for the same date. In reference to the First Saturday concept

Ms. Getzfread mentioned, this would be the one deviation given the significance of the 250 Anniversary.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approved the concept of the annual celebration taking place on the First Saturday of July each year and to schedule the 2026 celebration on July 4 in honor of the Nation's 250th Anniversary. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Discussion regarding 2025 Parks and Rec Schedule of Fees.

Mr. Krack stated that he included this on the Agenda in order that the Committee could look at any proposed fee changes in advance of the budget process.

Mr. Weiss asked if Staff could provide some metrics on the various programs to see how each matches up to the use of facilities and Staff time allocated to them.

D. Update on MDM Preserve and Taylor Street Park.

Mr. Krack provided background and an updated on the various steps that need to be taken in order for Borough Council to determine possible consolidation of the various parcels, vacating certain streets and potential reorientation of the existing facilities at the park. He explained these things will take time but that he will keep this on the Agenda moving forward so the Committee and public are aware of the progress.

Ms. Woodley Humphreys stated that she has been involved in the project since first mentioning it to the property owner in 2020. She is very appreciative of the work Staff has done to get to this point. She offered to provide pictures of various bird and animal species she has noted in the existing area in support of possible grant opportunities.

VI. Public Participation

No public participation.

VII. Adjournment at 6:45 by Mr. Weiss.

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