

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 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 6:00 pm.

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Amanda Vail asked about the fence that was put up along the Schuylkill River Trail. She also suggested that when it snows that the trails not be plowed or salted.

III. Presentations

There were no presentations.

IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

There were no updates.

V. New Business

A. 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 14, 2025 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Bridge Street between Gay Street and Starr Street to be closed. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

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

B. Update on MDM Preserve and Taylor Street Park.

Mr. Krack reported that Staff has met with the engineer to finalize the maps and legal descriptions needed for the vacating of the unopened portions of Wilson Street and Emmett Street. Once that process is completed, then Staff will make a recommendation to the Committee for consolidation of the properties. He stated Staff will also begin the process of working on a plan for accessing the preserve while maintaining its natural conditions.

Amanda Vail asked to be included in those discussions.

C. Reservoir Park Trail Connection.

Mr. Krack provided background on the concept of a trail connection from Dayton Street to the Reservoir Park Pavilion and parking lot using existing Borough property and easements. He stated he has asked the engineer to provide a survey so that area could be staked out and determine the location of the trail and identify the boundary of adjacent property owners. He stated this is included in the 2025 Budget and that there are funds set aside from contributions from developers of other projects.

Mr. Moore made a Motion to recommend this remain in the 2025 Budget as it goes through the budget process. Seconded by Mr. Weiss. Motion approved 4-0.

D. Table/seating at various parks.

Mr. Krack provided background on the need for tables/seating in several parks. Ms. Gibbons stated she may have these funds in her existing budget and will procure what she can.

E. Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) Update

Mr. Krack provided a detail map showing an area of the SRT that will have a temporary access while work on connection water and sewer lines is completed for the Trieste Project. He expects the temporary access will last about two weeks once started which he anticipates in the next week.

VI. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

VII. Adjournment at 6:55 by Mr. Weiss.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm.