

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
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. Kirkner sitting in for Ms. Burckley. Mr. Weiss arrived at 6:15 pm

II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Amanda Vail raised questions regarding the proposed location of polling places and that the County has identified four precincts at the Recreation Center. Mr. Kirkner noted the Hearing would be held on February 3 and that any objections should be filed with the Clerk of the Court prior to the Hearing.

III. Presentations

No presentations.

IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

No Committee updates.

V. New Business

A. Review Recreation Board reports.

Nothing to report.

B. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Earth Day Phoenixville 2025 at Reservoir Park on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Franklin Street above Fillmore and the Reservoir Parking Lot to be closed from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the TCE as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kirkner. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for First Fridays on Friday, May 2, November 7, and December 5, 2025 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm on the 100 and 200 Block of Bridge Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot. Bridge Street to be closed between Gay Street to Main Street and Main Street to Starr Street from 3:00 to 10:00 pm. The

Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm on each Friday.

Mr. Weiss 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 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on Saturday, May 3, 2025 in Reeves Park from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. No Street Closures. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville 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.

- E. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Juneteenth Celebration in the 200 Block of Bridge Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot on Sunday, June 22, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The 200 Block of Bridge Street between Gay Street and Main Street and Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot to be closed from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Phoenixville as Additional Insured.

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

- F. MDM Preserve/Taylor Street Park.

Mr. Krack provided an updated on the next steps regarding vacating the unopened portions of Wilson Street and Emmett Street and that the required Ordinance was anticipated to come before Borough Council at the March 11, 2025 meeting.

- G. South Street Reservoir Park Connection.

Mr. Krack noted that previous discussion had determined that no trail connection would be made between Dayton Street and South Street on the Borough owned property due to the lack of width of the property. He stated that no discussion had been had as to making the trail connection from South Street to Reservoir Park using the Borough's easement.

Mr. Kirkner made a Motion to recommend Borough Council not make the trail connection and ask the Borough Solicitor to draft the necessary documents to discharge the easement. Seconded by Ms. Dugan. On the Question, Mr. Weiss stated that he believed the trail connection was still a viable and needed project. Motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Weiss voting No.

H. Parks and Recreation Ordinance.

Mr. Krack provided background on changes Staff is recommending to more clearly define various rules and regulations applicable to the Borough's Park and Trail System. These changes are included in the rewrite which amends the existing ordinance.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to forward the proposed ordinance amendment to the Policy Committee for further refinement prior to sending to Borough Council for consideration. Seconded by Ms. Dugan. Motion passed 3-0.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment.

VII. Adjournment at 6:52 pm by Mr. Weiss.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm.