

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 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. Ms. Dugan excused.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment.

III. Presentations

No presentations.

IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

Mr. Moore thanked Staff for a successful First Friday to start the season, the success of the Dogwood Festival, and the renovations to Veterans Field. He also expressed dismay that the Kiwanis had to cancel the Annual Patriotic Day in Reeves Park.

V. New Business

A. Review of Quarterly Recreation Board reports.

Ms. Hunter provided an update. She noted the Board will be reviewing all of the parks to make recommendations for the 2026 budget.

B. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Blobfest 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon on the Schuylkill River Trail on Sunday, July 13, 2025 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. 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 event as presented. Second by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Pennsylvania Avenue Block Party on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Pennsylvania Avenue to be closed between Callowhill Street and Paradise Street from 3:00 pm to 10:00 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 event as presented. Second by Mr. Moore. Motion passed 3-0.

- D. Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize Staff to develop a land development plan for the Taylor Street Park and MDM Preserve.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to recommend Borough Council authorize Staff to develop the land development plan. Second by Ms. Burckley.

On the Question. Mr. Krack provided information as to the consolidation of parcels and how the new subdivision of the Park and the Preserve would look. He stated that he expects the plan to go to the Planning Commission in July and then to Borough Council for approval in August.

Motion passed 3-0.

- VI. Public Comment

Peg Varani and Lee Kennedy expressed their concerns regarding the lack of parking at Fisher Park and how that affects their rental of the tennis courts for pickle ball tournaments. They asked that additional parking be provided.

- VII. Adjournment at 6:48 by Ms. Burckley.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm.