

Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Members in Attendance: Kathy Morris; Harry Hellerman; Rea Monaghan; Dan Berdahl; Morgan High; James Jacquette

Members Absent: Leola Hubbard

Board of Supervisors: Janine Martin, Kathleen Hunsicker

Staff: Sandi Feight

Call to order: Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Public Comment: Marie Iannucci along with fellow members of the SoMont Youth MTB Team (Southern Montgomery County Youth Mountain Bike Team) were present. Ms. Iannucci presented a proposal for a one-mile mountain bike trail located in Penllyn Woods. It was decided that the P&R board would visit the proposed bike trail and would also meet with the Horseways and Wissahickon Trails.

Pedro Geraldino offered suggestions on ways to establish more pickleball courts including ideas pertaining to Pen Ambler Park.

Consideration of February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Dan B. moved to approve the minutes, Morgan H. seconded it, and all approved.

Rea M. gave an update on EAC (Environmental Advisory Council) activities: storm drain labeling; composting class; tree giveaway in the fall of the year and increasing the number of trees; battery recycling event; Rt. 309 ramp litter cleanup. Looking to plan an Ingersoll house clean-up / rain garden project. Bird walks continue on the third Friday of every month.

Fall Fest Update - Morgan H. And Sandi F. Continue lining up vendors including food trucks and music. A timetable is being drafted to coordinate volunteers. The event is on September 23.

Master Plan for Parks: The Township Engineers met with the various youth sports organizations who use the 3 parks for their input in the site analysis plans. Lower Gwynedd Little League, Ambler Baseball and Wissahickon Trails were among the focus groups. LGLL provided detailed suggestions for Ingersoll Park.

The Township Engineers submitted a first draft of the site analysis plans for the P&R Board's comments. Kathy M and Sandi F reviewed the plans. Discussion of the plans included restrooms, pickleball court(s), and a small pergola in the amphitheater area of Pen Ambler Park. These plans are primarily, presenting the constraints and opportunities of each of parks. The Board's comments will be taken back to the Township Engineer for them to incorporate into the preliminary plans.

Recreation Director Report: Sandi F. gave her report which included an update regarding upcoming Spring Events; Egg Hunt, April 1 and Trail Clean Up, April 22. Sandi will provide a link if anyone is interested in volunteering for Montco Senior Games.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.