

**Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 15, 2023**

Members in Attendance: Kathy Morris; Harry Hellerman; Leola Hubbard; Dan Berdahl; Morgan High

Members Absent: Rea Monaghan; James Jacquette

Board of Supervisors: Janine Martin

Staff: Sandi Feight

Call to order: Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Environmental advisory council update from Sandi

Looking for BOS approval for Composting workshop on June 17th.

Last weekend they had a battery/techno trash recycling event.

They will be looking to the BOS for an approval for a Going Green Award.

Janine's update on the supervisor's activity

Pride month will commence with the flag raising on June 1st at 6 PM.

Lower Gwynedd is working with Ambler Borough and Bethlehem Baptist Church to celebrate Juneteenth Day.

Construction is to start at the main intersection in Spring House. A Fall completion is predicted.

Recreation Director Sandi's update:

Spring field rentals are being scheduled.

Registering food trucks and vendors for Fall Fest.

Coordinating all the departments involved with Fall Fest.

There was a trail clean-up on April 22nd.

Working on converting the analog message board at Veterans Memorial Park to digital.

Working on more EAC signs including stream signs.

Camp registration continues.

The concert schedule will be published once one more band commits to the proposed performance date.

Master Plan:

Staff and planning committee members will meet with Gilmore & Associates on June 7th to review changes discussed at board meetings.

Kathy M. met with Pedro Geraldino at Pen Ambler Park to discuss possible locations for pickleball courts. Four or five possible locations were discussed. Later Kathy M., Sandi F., Janine M., Jamie W., and Gilmore & Associates met to discuss possible locations. Gilmore & Associates agreed to do "overlays" over possible locations to see what would work best.

It is anticipated that public comment will be at the P&R board meeting in July with a final proposal presented to the BOS in the fall.

Mountain bike trail in Penllyn woods discussion

Representatives from both Horseways and Wissahickon Trails were on hand to voice their thoughts on the proposed bike trail. Horseways users expressed concerns about the interaction of the bicyclists with horses, even if it were only at intersecting trails. Portions where the trails overlap would bring about potentially dangerous overtaking issues.

Wissahickon Trails does not permit biking due to width and sight line issues.

It was recommended that the Township solicitor review documents pertaining to Penllyn Woods. It was also suggested to setup a meeting for the Township, Horseways, Wissahickon Trails and the Interscholastic Bike Group to meet and talk.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.