

Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee

October 4, 2023 @ 7:03 PM

<i>Present:</i>	Helise Bichefsky- Reilly, Chair, Tiffanie Quinn, Vice-Chair, Emalie Zinni, John Finkbiner, Cynthia Ercole, Brendan Phillips, Sebastian Ieradi, Youth Advocate, Corinne Badman, Assistant Borough Manager, and Aubrey Gruwell-Keating, Office Coordinator.
<i>Absent:</i>	Angela Riccetti, Gail Newman, Tiffany Loomis, Borough Manager
<i>Next meeting:</i>	November 1, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Emalie Zinni and carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve the August 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement with the approval

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly announced that Parks and Recreation held an executive session on October 4, 2023 prior to this evenings meeting to discuss the vacant seat.

Applicants for Interview- Vacant Seat

Jessica Anderson has been recommended to Borough Council to be appointed to the vacant seat on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Current Business

Mahjong/ Chess

The Malvern Public Library is looking to hold mahjong and purchase mahjong sets. Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will speak with the library on who they are using to instruct mahjong.

Malvern Library Movie Night- Butterfly Movie (Losing the Dark)

Movie Night is Friday, October 20th 2023 beginning at 7:15 PM. All preparations for the movie night event are completed. Big Air Cinema will show the film, set up, and assist with showing the short film, Losing the Dark, before the movie. The Public Works Department has trimmed the hanging branches to ensure they do not hang in front of the screen and will turn the street lamp off next to the screen the night of.

Pickleball League-Tyler Stroyek

Tyler Stroyek is the owner of Universal Rackets. He is sending a proposal over to the committee to work out terms to provide Pickleball to the Malvern Borough. Potentially utilizing the basketball courts or tennis courts at Monument. Bill Huffman who manages the tennis courts was in attendance to see if we could potentially utilize the Monument grounds tennis courts. There are multiple ways to use the courts temporarily with no damage. These include temporary nets and sport tape, chalk, and poly spots. Further details need to be discussed once the committee receives the proposal.

2022 Comprehensive Plan

Tabled

Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society Membership

Aubrey Keating will look into the membership uses and see if there are any specific items that would prompt parks and recreation to purchase a membership.

New Business

Sybil Bruncheon

John provides entertainment in the form of drag bingo. He also provides Quizzo, and there are a variety of themes to choose from. Parks and Recreation has invited John to the December 2023 meeting to propose the idea.

Monster Mash

The 2023 Halloween event will take place on Sunday, October 29th in Burke Park from 2:00-5:00PM. The committee will have a face painter, balloon artist, and potentially a stilt walker. P&R would like the Police Department to attend with a police car, and the Malvern Fire Company with a fire engine for the kids to touch a truck and meet with our local heroes. There is no Halloween Parade this year but there will be a parade around the park at 4:00PM at Monster Mash for the kids attending in costumes.

Christmas on King

Christmas on King hosted by the MBPA will take place on Saturday, November 25th 2023. Parks and Recreation is not planning on hosting an event in addition to this, but is interested in having a table up at the event to have a presence.

2024 Budget

Parks and Recreation has requested to keep their budget at \$15,000 for 2024.

Administrative Business

Business cards: Purchase parks and recreation specific business cards to give out with social media information, and event information.

Park and Recognition Placards: Helise is working with Hugo from the Malvern Historical Commission to put placards up around the legacy trees and other items in the parks.

Budget Request

Tiffanie Quinn made a motion to budget \$4,000, but not to exceed this amount, for supplies, candy, vendors, and crafts for the Monster Mash event. Brendan Phillips seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 6-0. Sebastian is in agreement with this motion.

Brendan Phillips motioned to budget \$100, not to exceed this amount, for parks and recreation business cards to be made and printed to hand out at events. Tiffanie Quinn seconded this motion and it was approved by a vote of 6-0. Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement.

Review of Completed Events

Game Night- Thursday, August 17, 2023: Went well, the live music brought in a nice sized crowd

Malvern on Ice- Saturday, August 26, 2023: Very largely attended, went over budget, and will readjust for next year.

Borough Scavenger Hunt: Parks and Recreation has decided to extend this event until October 29th 2023.

Future Events

Christmas on King- November 25 2023

Trivia/ Quizzo Night-TBD

Randolph Woods Nature Preserve Camp Out -will resume in 2024

Public Comment

John Buckley was in attendance and stated that some of the lawn signs get removed during the grass cutting/landscaping on the corner of Bridge Street, near the flying pig.

Michele Matherly was in attendance, she runs the Malvern book club. She would like to be added to the December agenda to discuss ideas for parks and recreation to hold an event for adults with special needs in 2024.

Jessica Anderson was in attendance and suggested a moon bounce or moon bounce obstacle course for the Monster Mash event.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 7:00PM located at Borough Hall and via Zoom.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Tiffanie Quinn to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, and carried by a vote of 6-0, at 8:52PM.