

## Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee

March 2, 2022 @ 7:10PM

<i>Present:</i>	Helise Bichefsky-Reilly, Chair, Tiffanie Quinn, Vice-Chair, Angela Lewis, John Finkbiner, Brendan Phillips, Gail Newman, Tiffany M. Loomis, Borough Manger, Aubrey Gruwell- Keating, Office Coordinator
<i>Absent:</i>	Angela Riccetti, Emalie Zinnie
<i>Next meeting:</i>	April 6, 2022 @ 7:00PM

### **Meeting Minutes**

Tabled.

### **New Business**

#### **Administrative Business**

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will switch the order of old business and new business in future P&R agendas. Time schedules will be constructed to keep future meetings on track.

#### **Spring Broadcaster Article**

The newsletter article to recruit new volunteers for the Spring Broadcaster is due by March 24, 2022 to be prepared by Angela Lewis and Angela Riccetti.

#### **Food Drive**

The Borough no longer will have containers at the entrance of Borough Hall to collect for the food drive. In the future the P&R committee will only hold a food drive associated with their events. A video to potentially be posted to social media for future food drives will be discussed. As of now there is a red bin designated for the food drive, and there will be a sign on the lawn stating it is for the food drive. P&R will mark the bin as such.

#### **Scavenger Hunt**

It has been determined there is minimal interest in this event presently. P&R will consider it in the future.

#### **Community Shredding**

P&R would like to hold a 3 hour long shredding event in conjunction with the Fire Company in early May 2022. There would be a fee for this event that would contribute all the proceeds to the Fire Company. Helise Bichefsky- Reilly and Tiffanie Quinn are considering hiring Wiggins Shredding Co. Wiggins would supply a truck and charge a flat rate fee for service, as of now further information is needed.

#### **CRC Watershed Program Clean Up**

The CRC Watershed Program Clean Up will take place March 28, 2022 at Randolph Woods and Quann Park/1<sup>st</sup> Ave, co-sponsored by the EAC. The Public Works Department volunteered to assist in the final disposal on event day. Previously P&R had co-sponsored this event, but it is not determined if the partnership will continue for this year's event. CRC has requested donations, and will review the request and respond via email back to the committee.

#### **Old Business**

##### **St. Patrick's Day Decorations- Tiffanie Quinn**

In conjunction with the Public Works Department, Tiffanie Quinn will hang the St. Patrick's Day decorations on Friday in Burke Park. Simultaneously taking down the winter and Valentine's Day decorations. Extra Decorations will go on boards in additional Borough parks.

##### **ADA Complaint Park Equipment - Helise Bichefsky-Reilly & Emalie Zinnie**

The Borough is searching for grants and will consider park equipment, possibly the DCNR grant. The Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney, and Borough Council will oversee the changes, and P&R will begin speaking with park equipment companies.

### **Permanent Recycling Bins- John Finkbiner & Brendan Phillips**

The presentation to Borough Council was given clearance to proceed with the project, after discussion on the need for dual recycle and trash bins. Six bins have been placed throughout Burke Park, 4 have been placed at the beginning of paths, 1 bin is placed at the pavilion, and 1 bin has been placed by the playground. Grant funding is still being researched, and the Public Works department will need to acquire a large container. P&R will continue to partner with A.J. Blosenski to procure best options.

### **S'mores in the Park – Tiffanie Quinn, Helise Bichesky-Reilly & John Finkbiner**

This event may potentially take place April 1, 2022 in Rubino Park. A performer is being looked into for the event.

### **Message Boards- Tiffanie Quinn & Angela Riccetti**

Tiffanie Quinn and Angela Riccetti will update and decorate the message boards in the parks going forward

### **Budget Request- Angela Lewis**

The P&R Committee approved \$300 for March's and April's events, motioned by Angela Lewis, seconded by Brendan Phillips, voted unanimously in favor 6-0.

### **Vacant Seat**

P&R is working toward advertising the open committee positions.

### **Review of Completed Events**

#### **Valentine's Day decorations**

Residents have expressed positive remarks on the decorations

#### **Native Species Coloring Pages**

In collaboration with the Library all posters have been posted on the message boards. The social media needs to be updated.

### **Future Events**

Game Night- Tiffanie Quinn to begin planning this event. This will need to be posted on social media to promote.

Art in the Park- Projected start for this event will be in the spring. Discussions on the event with the Plein Artist will resume closer to event projected start.

Spaghetti Dinner- Gail Newman will gather more information on location, budget, rental details, and food service. Liability aspect on serving food without a food handler's license is a potential issue. Previous spaghetti dinner events were not held by P&R.

Plant Giveaway- Tiffanie Quinn submitted a free plant coupon, one per household, in the Newsletter for the May event. Plants include outdoor perennials, pollinator plants, and also a small pack of sunflower seeds.

Open Mic Night/ Karaoke Event- Gail Newman will revisit this event in the summer

### **Social Media Report**

The Borough is straightening out social media postings for P&R. Permanent signs and banner purchases will be halted until solidified.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments was made.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

The P&R meeting adjourned at 8:16PM, motioned by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Angela Lewis, voted unanimously in favor 6-0.