

Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee

June 7, 2023 @ 7:06 PM

<i>Present:</i>	Helise Bichefsky- Reilly, Chair, Tiffanie Quinn, Vice-Chair, John Finkbiner, Emalie Zinni, Angela Riccetti, Sebastian Ieradi, Youth Advocate, Tiffany Loomis, Borough Manager, and Aubrey Gruwell-Keating, Office Coordinator
<i>Absent:</i>	Brendan Phillips, Gail Newman and Cynthia Ercole
<i>Next meeting:</i>	July 6, 2023 @ 7:06 PM

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tiffanie Quinn seconded by Emalie Zinni and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the May 3, 2023 meeting minutes. Angela Riccetti abstained from voting, and Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement of the approval.

Ann Black- Representing Krapf School Busses

In regard to setting up a table at Parks and Recreation events this item was tabled due to Ms. Black, whom was not in attendance.

Current Business

GO WilMa 2023

Go WilMa: Get Outside Willistown and Malvern- has an official start date of June 20, 2023. Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will meet with Public Works on Friday, June 16th to set up the arrows and signs for the program in Randolph Woods.

Mahjong

There were 30 participants from the game night poll sent out. 75% of participants need instruction, and Chess was more popular than Mahjong. Game Nights will be once per month for the next three months. June 29th, July 27th and August 17th 2023 in Burke Park from 6:30-8:30 PM. The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to contact the Tredyffrin Library to see who runs their Mahjong instruction classes.

Homegrown National Park Initiative

This program encourages residents to make their backyards eco-friendly. The Environmental Advisory Council is in charge of this initiative and will enlist Parks and Recreation when they start the program. This item is tabled for now.

Yoga in the Park

This summer series starts on Wednesday, June 21st and runs until Wednesday, August 9th (8 sessions). Every Wednesday morning at 6:00AM-7:00AM. Molly Tierson will lead the class as the instructor replacing Linda DeValerio. Lawn signs need to be placed around the Borough by Public Works.

Qigong in the Park

This summer series of Qigong starts on Monday, June 12th and runs until Monday, August 28th (12 Sessions). Every Monday morning from 7:00AM-8:00AM. Lori Rossi from Awakening Wellness Studio's in Malvern will be leading the class. Parks and Recreation would like to inquire about full moon yoga. Lawn signs need to be placed around the Borough by Public Works.

Little Tykes Music Program in the Park

Parks and Recreation contacted Borough Council Member, Lynne Frederick, to potentially lead the little tykes in the park music program. Since Lynne is a council member it could be an ethical issue for her and her business to provide this service to the Borough.

New Business

Administrative Business

Parks and Recreation would like to purchase 5 or 6 more large tubs for their supplies in the shed. Also, some shelving. Parks and Recreation would like shelving in the shed for more free space. If they request Public Works work with them to build the shelving it would come out of the Parks and Recreation Budget and be built on Public Works time schedule.

AR Workshop is interested in working with Parks and Recreation on events in the future. The owner is Morgan Macedo.

Malvern Library Movie Night

The Malvern Library wants to host a movie night in conjunction with Parks and Recreation. Planning has not commenced but Tiffanie Quinn has offered her projector to be used for the movie night. They could host it in the back of the Borough Building and purchase the licensing to be able to show it. Parks and Recreation has offered this fee to come out of their budget.

SummerFest

The summer fest event will take place on Saturday, July 15th 2023 in Burke Park from 3-6PM. There will be Wawa hoagies, Rita's water ice, Soft Pretzels, and chips. They will use dry ice this year to ensure the water ice does not melt and inflatable coolers for the hoagies. There will be music and lawn games for entertainment. Parks and Recreation request that Aubrey Keating contact Christy Campli- Growing Roots Partners- for her musicians list. Helise Bichefsky- Reilly suggested they also collect donations for the library renovations, and they will also collect food donations to deliver to the Chester County Food Bank.

Malvern on Ice

The Scoops and Smiles truck for this event needs to be booked in advance and requires a deposit to hold the date. This event will take place on August 26, 2023 from 3-5pm in Burke Park. Parks and Recreation is looking into having an organization come to do a presentation or have some sort of entertainment.

Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society Membership Discussion

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Budget Request

Tiffanie Quinn motioned to budget \$300 for Game Night/Mahjong/Chess for 3 sessions for any needs to make the event successful. Emalie Zinni seconded this motion and it was approved by a vote of 5-0. Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement with this request.

Tiffanie Quinn motioned to request \$200 to be spent on containers for the Parks and Recreation shed supplies, and \$200 for shelving from Home Depot for the shed. Angela seconded this motion and it was approved by a vote of 5-0. Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement with this request.

Emalie Zinni motioned to request \$1,500 maximum to be spent on food, entertainment, games, and any supplies for the event. John Finkbiner seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5-0. Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement with this request.

Mayor's Monarch Pledge

The seed packets were handed out with the EAC at the Perennial Party, along with collecting signatures on the pledge. Emalie Zinni created an educational board on the 40 action items of the pledge to present at the Perennial Party.

Review of Completed Events

Community Yard Sale – Saturday, May 6, 2023- Next year the Parks and Recreation Committee will consider using the park for residents to sell items. Some residences sold everything and some sold little items, it depended on location.

Perennial Party- Saturday, May 20, 2023- Next year Parks and Recreation will water the plants themselves and keep them at one of the committee member's homes until the event. The Chester County Beekeepers Association was in attendance and they were professional, did a great job, and had a very nice set up. The Penn State Master Gardener and Zoe Warner (Master Watershed Steward) worked together and had a nice table.

Future Events

Summer fest- Saturday, July 15, 2023

Malvern on Ice- Saturday, August 26, 2023

Monster Mash & Halloween Parade- Sunday, October 29, 2023

Winter Wonderland & Christmas on King- November 2023

Reports

Park Ambassador

Parks and Recreation requests to have Yoga & Qigong signs placed in the park message boards.

Public Comment

Jessica Anderson is a resident interested in becoming a part of the committee and inquired about how residents find out about vacancies on councils and committees in the borough. Tiffany Loomis, Borough Manager, responded that the vacancies are posted and advertised in various places, including the website.

Keanna Brown, another resident interested in holding a seat on the committee was in attendance and introduced herself.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 6, 2023** at 7:00PM located at Borough Hall and via ZOOM. The Parks and Recreation Committee members are unsure of their availability for the July 6th 2023 meeting. They may cancel, reschedule, or hold an unofficial meeting if there is no quorum.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tiffanie Quinn, seconded by Angela Riccetti, to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, and carried by a vote of 5-0, at 9:00 PM.