

Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee

May 3, 2023 @ 7:09 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Emalie Zinni seconded by John Finkbiner and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes with the amendment to change the date for the February 1, 2023 meeting as presented.

Current Business

Mahjong

Parks and Recreation will put out a survey to residents to poll whether they are interested in future Mahjong game nights. They will also poll how frequent the game nights should be, dates and times that are best, and if the residents will need instruction.

Homegrown National Park Initiative

The EAC is participating in this education for residents to sustain a garden in their backyards and in conjunction with neighbors. Parks and Recreation may be joining them in this initiative.

Community Yard Sale

The Community Yard Sale Event takes place on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9AM-2PM. The residents will be participating from their homes. Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will pick the balloons up from Party City in Exton for the participating houses on Saturday Morning. The Map will be available and sent out to residents tomorrow, Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Surfin' USA hosted by MBPA

This event will take place on Saturday, May 6 2023. The same day as the Yard Sale. Parks and Recreation will not be able to attend to have a table set up.

Perennial Party

The Perennial Party event will be on Saturday, May 20, 2023 in Burke Park from 3PM-5PM. The Malvern Library Book sale is also taking place in Burke Park until 3PM. The Chester County Beekeepers Association will be attending to educate residents, as well as a musician. The musician will be coordinated by Tiffanie Quinn. The plants that Parks and Recreation will give away will come from Keystone Wildflowers. They have seed packets to give away. Snacks and drinks for the event will come from Costco and there will be coloring pages available for kids. Brick and Brew's Whiskey Wagon is currently committed to another event and will contact the Borough if that event is cancelled. This Whiskey Wagon will attend only with Borough Council's approval per Ordinance 65-1.

New Business

Administrative Business

The Vista print retractable signs have been previously budgeted and approved, need to be ordered by the Borough Administration.

Event Signage/ Yard Signs

Tiffanie Quinn requested to start making some of the yard signs for events using vinyl cutouts to be able to change the dates and times of each event.

Committee Vacancy - Applicant: Cynthia Ercole to be considered for Appointment consideration by Parks and recreation this evening recommending approval by Borough Council at their May 16, 2023 regular meeting.

Ms. Ercole asked Parks and Recreation to vote on whether she may be recommended to Borough Council to approve and appoint her a seat on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Gail Newman motioned to approve that recommendation, Tiffanie Quinn seconding the motion. The recommendation was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Classic Cars

This event was originally going to be in spring 2023, but will be removed from the list of Parks and Recreation future events this year due to the Malvern Fire Company holding their own car event.

Little Tykes in the Park Music Program

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will contact Eleanor Burruano or Lynne Frederick to see if they can initiate a start date for this program, and inquire if she is still interested.

Spring Decorations

The items in the shed used in 2022 will be put out again this year.

Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society Membership Discussion

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Budget Request

Tiffanie Quinn motioned to request \$530 for the Perennial Party plants to be purchased from Keystone Wildflowers. John Finkbiner seconded this request, and it was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Emalie Zinni motioned to request \$800 for food, tea, decorations, speakers, a musician, an artist, and other miscellaneous supplies for the Perennial Party Event. Tiffanie Quinn seconded this motion and it was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Emalie Zinni motioned to request \$2,000 for a series of events in the park including Yoga, Qigong, Little Tykes in the Park, and/or Sunset Yoga. Tiffanie Quinn seconded this motion, and it was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor's Monarch Pledge

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Malvern Library Movie Night

Malvern Library is hosting a movie night potentially in mid-June or mid-August 2023. Parks and Recreation will reach out to Megan the Library Director and coordinate the details of the Event.

Review of Completed Events

Cabin Fever- Saturday March 11, 2023- This event had a good turnout and the Malvern Library brought their 3D printer.

Egg Hunt- Saturday April 8, 2023- This event had a very large turnout and in the future Parks and Recreation should create obstacles in the field to help hide the eggs instead of scattering them all around the grass. The eggs were picked up within just a few minutes.

Future Events

Summerfest- Saturday, July 15, 2023

Malvern on Ice- Saturday, August 26, 2023

Randolph Woods Nature Preserve Camp Out – Fall 2023

Malvern Borough Community Day along with MBPD – Saturday, September 9, 2023

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

Winter Wonderland & Christmas on King- November 2023

Reports

Social Media Correspondent

Tiffanie Quinn will continue to post pictures of the Malvern Parks on Facebook

Borough Updates

In the future if the Parks and Recreation Committee wants the Malvern Historical Commission to set up a table at their events, they need to attend a Historical Commission Meeting for that request.

Park Ambassador

It has been noted that there have been an increase of residents riding bikes through Randolph Woods as well as an increase of trash scattered throughout the park.

Public Comment

John Buckley was in attendance and inquired about where he can drop off his pine cone donation. He was directed to bring them to the Malvern Administration Office.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Gail Newman, seconded by Tiffanie Quinn, to adjourn the P&R meeting, and carried by a vote of 5-0, at 9:12PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 6, 2023** at 7:00PM located at Borough Hall and via ZOOM.