

Malvern Parks & Recreation Committee

August 2, 2023 @ 7:06 PM

<i>Present:</i>	Helise Bichefsky- Reilly, Chair, Tiffanie Quinn, Vice-Chair, Emalie Zinni, Cynthia Ercole, Brendan Phillips, Sebastian Ieradi, Youth Advocate, Corinne Badman, Assistant Borough Manager, and Aubrey Gruwell-Keating, Office Coordinator. John Finkbiner attended via Zoom.
<i>Absent:</i>	Angela Riccetti, Gail Newman, Tiffany Loomis, Borough Manager
<i>Next meeting:</i>	September 6, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Brendan Phillips, seconded by Emalie Zinni and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the June 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement of the approval.

(2) Applicants for Interview- Vacant Seat/ Alternate Seat

Jessica Anderson and Keanna Brown have submitted their resumes for review and have attended the meeting for their formal interview to be recommended to Borough Council for the vacant seat on the committee.

Jessica Anderson's interview began at 7:08PM. Keanna Brown's interview began at 7:21PM. Both Jessica and Keanna made suggestions on how to improve the Borough Parks.

Parks and Recreation will have an executive session before the next meeting to recommend Jessica or Keanna for the vacant seat, to Borough Council.

Current Business

Mahjong/ Chess

Indoor mahjong and chess will begin in October 2023. Parks and Recreation would like to find an instructor to teach 2-3 mahjong sessions to beginners. A request for instructors/ expert players will be put out by the borough administration to residents. For the mahjong and chess game nights, there will be a class either every month or every two weeks and residents will sign up prior to the indoor game nights.

Yoga in the Park

Yoga in the Park will end on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Instructor Molly Tierson has led the classes and there have been good reviews about yoga from residents.

Qigong in the Park

Qigong in the park ends on Monday, August 28, 2023. Awakening Wellness Studio's was leading the class, and is not available for night time yoga, and will not be returning next year due to closing down their business.

Malvern on Ice

Malvern on Ice will take place on Saturday, August 26, 2023 in Burke Park from 3:00-5:00PM. The Scoops N' Smiles truck will be in attendance. Parks and Recreation will be scooping out the water ice while the ice cream will be served by the truck employees. Parks and Recreation will also have a DJ, lawn games, and dancing.

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

Danielle Kennedy and Emily Quillen were in attendance to discuss plans for the co-hosted movie night event. Emily Quillen is the new children's librarian at the Malvern Public Library. The movie night has been scheduled for Friday, October 20, 2023. The Library wants to play the short film: Losing the Dark, before the movie starts around 6:30PM and the movie will begin around 7:00PM. To bring more attention to the library, they will promote their free streaming service- Canopy +. They will have a table set up and have a presence at the event with information on Canopy +. The Library will promote the event, and advertise. Parks and Recreation will contribute the licensing fee and showing fees for the event.

Game Night

The next game night event in Burke Park is on August 17, 2023 from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Residents will have to bring their own chairs to the event. The musician will be Emily, the violinist that was hired to play at the previous July game night. She is to perform for the August event due to the July game night being cancelled. Snacks and water will be served to the public.

New Business

Additional Yard Signs

Annual event signs will be ordered that have blank dates and time so that the committee can re-use the signs every year and create date and time vinyl stickers to change the dates. Tiffanie Quinn will create the signs for Malvern on Ice.

Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society Membership Discussion

There is a small fee associated with this membership. Information will be circulated at the next meeting regarding the membership to see how it could benefit Parks and Recreation in Malvern.

Fall Newsletter Article

Tiffanie Quinn and Helise Bichefsky- Reilly will Co-write the fall article.

2022 Comprehensive Plan- P&R Initiatives

The 10-Year Comprehensive Plan was provided to each of the Parks and Recreation Committee members. This plan provides details of what the committee hopes to accomplish over the next 10 years. The current Parks and Recreation committee would now like to start focusing more on aiding in making the parks better for the community. The committee will begin reviewing ADA complaint park equipment and upgrades and improvements for each park.

Pickle Ball League Interests- Tyler Stroyek from Universal Rackets

Parks and Recreation had previously done Pickle Ball in the Borough. The issue with starting pickle ball again is there is no facility to utilize. Pickle ball has its own court lines and there are none in the borough. Helise Bichefsky-Reilly will reach out to Tyler Stroyek to confirm what options there are for utilizing the basketball court, and if they can put up a temporary net.

Budget Request

Emalie Zinni motioned to budget \$1,500 for the Malvern on Ice event. Brendan Phillips seconded the motion. The budget request was approved by a vote of 5-0. Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement.

Tiffanie Quinn motioned to request \$1,200 for the Movie Night event in conjunction with the Malvern Public Library. Emalie Zinni seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5-0. Sebastian Ieradi was in agreement.

Review of Completed Events

Go WilMa! – Go WilMa! 2023 ends on August 17, 2023. Emily Quillen from the Malvern Library stated that the participation in Go WilMa has been lower than in previous years. Parks and Recreation will share the libraries posts about Go WilMa to let residents know there is still time to participate.

Summerfest- Summerfest took place on July 15, 2023 from 3:00PM-6:00PM. Summerfest had a good turnout after the rain cleared. Next year the committee will purchase more water ice, add an extra blue raspberry and not include lemon as a flavor. Additionally, for the hoagies there will be no cheese hoagies, just vegetable hoagies. The games included jumbo chess, checkers, ladder toss, corn hole, and giant connect four. There were also crayons and colored pencils for kids to create summer pictures.

Future Events

Malvern Borough Scavenger Hunt – September 15-29th 2023. All parks will be included. Cynthia Ercole will co-lead the event. Scoops N’ Smiles gift cards will be given as prizes.

Monster Mash & Halloween Parade- October 28, 2023

Winter Wonderland & Christmas on King- November 2023

Trivia/ Quizzo Night-TBD

Randolph Woods Nature Preserve Camp Out -will resume in 2024

Summer Camp-Tiffanie Quinn suggested a borough summer camp as a future event. This would need more commitment for planning and more volunteers. Brendan Phillips suggested co-hosting with a surrounding township, or with the YMCA. This would take place in Randolph Woods and is still just a potential event.

Reports

Park Ambassador Reports

Brendan Phillips reported that the dugout roofs in Quann Park are very dirty and should be replaced to look cohesive and welcoming. The Chester County Little League owns the fields. Brendan requested that the Public Works Sub-Committee look into having them replaced.

Emalie Zinni reported that the woodchips in Burke Park need to be refilled and requested the borough administration speak to public works regarding the refill.

Helise Bichefsky- Reilly requested the borough administration have public works rid the ants from the message board in Rubino Park.

Public Comment

John Buckley was in attendance and suggested that there be a water fountain put in at the basketball courts in Herzak Park. He also suggested that Parks and Recreation try to make the land that may have been the pump track, a small park and sitting area for kids and elderly residents.

Joe Ranaudo was in attendance, and welcomed Cynthia Ercole to the committee. He also advocated for there to be a Trivia/Quizzo night. Joe also thinks the DJ would be better utilized at another event instead of Malvern on Ice, and thinks a live band would help bring the community out.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00PM located at Borough Hall and via Zoom. Emalie Zinni requested that the committee members receive a copy of the borough calendar for all future meetings so they are aware of other events going on in the parks and can see availability so they can better schedule their events.

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 5-0, at 9:00 PM.