

Malvern Parks and Rec Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday February 3rd 2021

7:00 PM

Zoom

1. Call to order

Helise called the meeting at 7:10pm

a. Committee Members:

Helise Bichefsky-Reilly

Jennifer Benson

Amy DiElsi

Brendan Phillips

John Finkbiner

Erin Sheffield

b. Absent:

Angela Lewis

c. Staff/Consultants:

Alicia Marziani, Recording Secretary

d. Public:

Gail Newman

Andy Johnson

Angela Riccetti

2. Minutes

a. No minutes to approve at this time.

3. Interviews

Alicia gave an overview of this evenings interviewing process. Helise and Jen talked on the topic as well. There are three applicants who have applied for the two openings the committee has. Those residents are: Andy Johnson, Gail Newman, and Angela Riccetti

Helise asked why each applicant was interested in joining this committee. Andy responded by saying he wanted to get more involved in the community and wanted to get outdoors more. Angela said she has been in the community for a while and wanted to get more involved. Gail stated that she likes that we do and is involved and would be able to bring new people to the events and create new events.

Brendan asked is the time commitment would be an issue. Helise added that sometimes committee members are asked to work events where they kids may attend. Angela stated that she works part time and does not have any kids of her own. Gail stated she is looking for volunteer opportunity to get involved.

Erin asked what a super skill you may have that will help the committee or being able to use in this committee. Andy stated that he likes to write and edit, will like to do media and marketing. Also wants to bring science related things to our committee. Gail said that she can bring her sales experience to promote event. Wanted to take on the Spaghetti Dinner. Went and talked to people about

it. Talked to Malvern Trust (??) will be open to talking to business members. Helise asked to talk about this topic at a later time when we have more time. Angela stated that she is crafty and likes to do DIY projects. She also works as a restaurant manager and can bring that to the group.

4. Annual Report

Helise and Alicia will work on the annual report for Parks and Rec.

5. Park Ambassador Reports

a. Burke Park

Jen stated that the Little Library has been a great asset in Burke Park. She noted there was still snow on sidewalks. Jen will walk it and call Chris if still an issues.

b. Quann Park

Erin commented that she has no updates at this time.

c. Randolph Woods

Brendan commented that there were blue bands around trees on south side of park, not sure what those are for, will look into.

d. Herzak Park

John stated there was no updates at this time.

e. Rubino Park

Helise stated there was not much use at this time. She stated there was too much mulch around play areas, Alicia will reach out to public works.

6. Newsletter

Amy put together a Winter Newsletter for Parks and Rec. It was used in the middle of the Winter Newsletter that is sent to residents. Alicia will share it via social media/website.

7. Old Business

a. Programing

i. Virtual Programs

1. Healthy Snack/ Workout

No updated at this time.

2. Step Challenge

Alicia will reach out to Angela regarding possible fees.

3. Yoga

Jen will talk to Linda about doing a virtual yoga for adult and kids classes and then move to outside in the summer.

4. Malvern Rocks 2

No update at this time.

5. Awaken Wellness partnership

Tabled until later due to lack of time.

b. Burke Park Decor

i. Amy and John offered to meet Alicia at Burke Park to discuss the Valentine's Day decorations for the park.

8. New Business

a. MPBA #MalvernLove Campaign

Alicia informed the committee about the Malvern Professional and Business Association of their #MalvernLove campaign. The business are placing red hearts in

their windows to bring a smile to residents. They are also encouraging residents to join in. Alicia shared this information

b. Easter

Amy stated that we have eggs filled with non-candy items from last year. She and Jen talked about what to do for this year's Easter. Their idea was to place them around the Borough. Will talk about this at the next meeting.

c. Spring Ideas

Alicia will create a spring deco for the park. Will work with committee to come up with theme.

d. Food Drive

Alicia will reach out to Growing Roots to hold spring Food Drive. Promotes the Farmers Market and healthy food choices while getting people out of the house and donating.

e. Imagination

John will see if they want to hold a virtual event

f. Diversity

Helise asked the committee "How can we bring more diversity to the committee?" Share info from the Library on our social media reflective of diverse books for kids. Alicia recommended promoting local history.

9. Borough Updates

This topic was tabled due to lack of time.

10. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

11. Next Meeting

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held March 3rd 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 845pm.

Next Meeting: March 3rd 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM