

**Parks and Recreation Board  
Minutes from January 8, 2024**

Present: Debbie Marchesani, Kris Belser, Dori Bower, Helene Ratner, Missy Kitzmiller, Bill Fuller, Joanne Morelli, Dan Giacomelli, Nicole Tener, Patrick Graham, Paul Kopera  
Absent: None.  
Guests: No guests.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Debbie Marchesani. A reorganization motion was made by Helene Ratner and seconded by Dori Bower to reappoint chair (Debbie Marchesani), vicechair (Kris Belser) and secretary (Helene Ratner) for the 2024 calendar year; the motion was approved by all 7-0.

A motion was made by Dan Giacomelli and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller to approve the 2024 meeting calendar and the motion was approved by all. Meetings in 2024 generally occur on the second Monday of the month except for the July and August summer break. The meetings in October and November will be held on the following Tuesday to avoid holidays.

Dan Giacomelli made a motion to approve the November 2023 minutes as amended with Debbie Marchesani seconding them: amended to correct the youth group singing at the HOH and the proper date of the teen talent show date. This Motion was approved by all.

**Public Comment:** No public comment. Valley View sign was discussed again.

**Old Business:** Twelve (12) trees were planted in Levittown: Deep Dale, Lions and Forsythia Footbridge area. The Holiday Open house was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> outdoors and the event went smoothly; snow globe inflatable was a miscommunication, but staff will get a free inflatable for Earth Day. On the debrief, the slide was too high. More children can get turns with a lower slide. Tyler, the new music director replacing Mike Lipton, got great reviews from the community and the new balloon guy, who was a last-minute fill in, was also very good.

**New Business:** The Comprehensive P&R Plan was adopted in 2005, there will be a 2024/2025 version with a 9-member steering committee: Missy will be part of this steering committee representing the P&R Board. The entire P&R Board will be encouraged to attend all the public meetings. The plan is 50% paid for by a grant from the DCNR.

Paul updated the Board on the DCED Grant - \$500,000 project, no match required for the Forsythia Crossing Park which will include a new hockey rink and Musco lights; lighting on the playground side of Park is not getting upgraded. Project will hopefully start around St. Patrick's Day and be completed around Memorial Day. Ribbon cutting to follow.

Summer Rec basketball coordinator search in the \$15 to \$18 per hour pay range; start May/June with rosters. 2024 Business environment – interest rates are up; can't go over budget this year. Repair Firefighters' Park light pole costing about \$21,000 in progress; PB lights will be shut off to Valentine's day or later.

**Program Update:** Winter guides have been mailed out in the first week of January; 10% discount for summer rec is good until the end of January 31, 2024. Exercise classes start Jan. 15.

Currently have four participants for the talent show on Jan. 27. Mall is booked, music company is a sponsor again, Dan will be the emcee as he continues to impress the audience and does a fantastic job! Auditions will be on Jan. 21.

Earth Day is Apr. 27 and Robin Kemmerer will be the sponsor again. Food truck, Pita Chip, is confirmed.

Patrick is working on field permits for sports clubs. Fee schedule discussed regarding field usage and lights. Non-resident rate – 20% surcharge. Park Cleanup scheduled for 4/6 and garden cleanup/tree planting for 4/20.

**Reminder: The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th at Middletown Senior Center 2140 Trenton Road Levittown PA 19056 at 6:00 pm to accommodate the large crowd of sports people attending.**

Dan Giacomelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Fuller seconded; the motion was approved by all, and meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.