

**Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from January 9, 2023**

Present: Debbie Marchesani, Kris Belser, Helene Ratner, Missy Kitzmiller, Bill Fuller, Dan Giacomelli, Joanne Morelli, Patrick Graham and Paul Kopera
Absent: Dori Bower
Guests: Joseph V. Leming Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm as tonight was our reorganization meeting. A motion was made by Helene Ratner and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller that Debbie Marchesani remain as chair, Kris Belser remain as vice chair, and Helene Ratner remain as secretary for the year 2023; the motion was approved and passed by all. The 2023 meeting schedule was presented, and Bill Fuller made a motion to approve the schedule with Dan Giacomelli seconding the motion; the motion was approved and passed by all 6-0.

Public Comment: Joseph V. Leming Jr of 241 Wheatsheaf Lane, Langhorne PA 19047 (Old Mill Woods development) came to the meeting to discuss the comprehensive plans as there is a lot of walking from his development, asking for a trail in Old Mill Woods, across the street to Core Creek Park and what can be done regarding safety issues crossing Bridgetown Pike from his development to Core Creek Park. Mr. Leming talked about having pollenated gardens in Old Mill Woods in the open area that they have and see about getting some of the neighbors to help with it. It would be off the Route 413 entrance and set aside this space for the gardens. During Earth Day, this could be one of the locations that people could help clean up. We recently planted 30 trees in this development. P&R Director told Mr. Leming that the Twp focus would be on getting the developments on Old Mill Woods side of Bridgeton Pike safe access to the new paths at Core Creek Park. Bucks County Planning Commission has plans to develop trails through the 1,200 acre property as part of and connections of the Delaware & Lehigh Trail. Spending dollars to develop trails in one neighborhood is not cost effective nor does it serve the community at large.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Bill Fuller and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller to approve the November 2022 minutes; the motion was approved by all 6-0. Paul mentioned that agendas and minutes are now posted on the Township website.

Old Business: 1) As discussed above, there were 30 trees planted in Old Mill Woods on Nov 18/19. Mr. Leming recruited some neighbors, the Township's EAC, DPW and P&R, and a GST helped mulch those trees on Saturday. 2) The Holiday Open House was held on December 8th completely outdoors including activities in the heated 60x40 tent with LED lighting; all comments

from the HOH debrief received all good feedback. The weather was a perfect winter evening with temps in the 40's and no wind or precipitation. We did have the balloon maker and face painter in the back of the tent along with all the vendors. The EAC table was crowded out by the kid-centric activities so the P&R will optimize that setup in 2023 so the flow is better.

New Business: The last P&R Comprehensive plan was done in 2005. With a grant from DCNR, the P&R Dept is updating that Comprehensive plan 2023-2025; it will dovetail off the proposals in the 2021 Township Comprehensive plan asking for more trails. The first two steps are forming a seven-member focus group and putting the job out to bid for a lead consultant. Director Kopera is working on that. The DCNR grant for skatepark grant from 2019-22 is almost complete but the Twp asked for a one-year extension to complete the benches in front of the skatepark and improve the landscaping in the entry way to make the Park more appealing for visitors when first entering the park. The 4th of July parade planning will be forming the committee in January. The first parade meeting will be announced. We are also going to be looking for a Summer Rec Basketball coordinator for the six-week summer basketball program Jun 12 – Jul 27. The gentleman who ran it the last two years is visiting family abroad this summer and is unavailable.

Program Update: Winter Guides were mailed out on 12/30; summer rec 10% discount ends on Tuesday, 1/31. As of Jan 9, 84 children are registered. The eight-week 2023 Summer Rec program runs from 6/19 to 8/11. Exercise classes starting the week of 1/16 are going well. Pickleball group – membership fee for the year is \$40.00. Ballet for tots is sold out; archery starts tomorrow, the free programs, like walking, are doing well. The first Outdoor Walk is Jan. 21 at Tyler State Park.

Events in first quarter 2023: The teen talent show will take place again at Oxford Valley Mall on January 28, 2023, from 4 to 6 pm outside of the old Sears store., Earth Day will be at Core Creek Park on April 29th, Park clean up and tree planting on April 22nd.

Reminder: The February 13th meeting our local Sports Organizations will be invited and the meeting will be held at the Senior Center, Rooms A & B at 6:00 pm. 2140 Trenton Road, Levittown.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm with a motion by Helene Ratner and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller.

| Title | 2023 P&R Board Meetings | | 09-Jan-23 | 13-Feb-23 | 13-Mar-23 | 10-Apr-23 | 08-May-23 | 12-Jun-23 | 10-Jul-23 | 14-Aug-23 | 11-Sep-23 | 10-Oct-23 | 13-Nov-23 | HOH - Thu, 12/7 |
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| Vice-Chair | Kris | Belser (2025) | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Dori | Bower (2025) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bill | Fuller (2024) | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Dan | Giacomelli (2024) | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Missy | Kitzmilller (2024) | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chairwoman | Debbie | Marchesani (2023) | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secretary | Helene | Ratner (2023) | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public | Joseph | Leming | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| P&R | Patrick | Graham | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| P&R | Joanne | Morelli | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
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