

The regular monthly meeting of the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Board was held at Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville at 2 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members:**

- **Present:** Thomas Marino, Charles Raudenbush, Chair, Steve Saddlemire, William Wert, Secretary, Chris Wetzel, and Kristen Winters
- **Absent:** Craig Bowen, Vice-Chair; Nelson Clements
- **Staff:** Amy Hollander, Historic Properties Manger, Angela Nagle, Executive Director, and Jodi Reimold
- **Guests:** Hannie Bannister and Maureen Ferris, Bucks County Horse Park

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021, meeting by Mr. Wert and seconded by Mr. Saddlemire. Motion was unanimously approved.

***Introduction of New Board Member :*** Chris Wetzel - President of the Bucks County Dragon Boat Club at Core Creek Park.

***Meeting Times:*** A discussion was held regarding the change of meeting times from 2 p.m. to another meeting time. The new time suggested is Thursday at 10 am. A vote will occur at the next meeting, March 9, 2022.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

***DCNR Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Planning Grant Application***

- We apply in April
- Awards are granted in the fall
- Park board members participating as focus group stakeholders.
- Question – Mr. Saddlemire – have any other counties applied
- Response – Ms. Nagle – yes

***Public concern***

- Access to the parks.
- Please review the report from Greg Bullough.
- We will be making changes to the portable toilet contract to increase ADA compliant units.
- Review opening and closing times of parks.
- Comment Mr. Raudenbush – let’s review and provide comments to Ms. Nagle within 30 days.

***Budget / Planning Goals***

- Reviewed Parks and Recreation department level goals in 2022.

***Reviewed New Website, Social Media Accounts and Registration System***

- Introduced the social media pages- Instagram, Facebook, Twitter.
- Introduced Civic Rec the new reservation/activity/membership program
- Introduced new County webpage

***Mooring Process at Peace Valley Park***

- Lake Galena
  - Currently first right of refusal
  - 2022 will move to a resident lottery, then if spots remain opened to nonresidents.
  - Additional weight will be given to senior citizens and veterans in the lottery.
  - Registration opens February 7, 2022

***Introduction of Historic Properties Manager***

- Amy Hollander replaced Charlie Yeske this summer
- She brings creative energy
- History is brought to life

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES – Amy Hollander**

- Since coming on board this past summer, a display of the early history of the Lenape People has been created.
- Conducted a Fall Festival at Tinicum Park
  - Based on a book written by a local author
- Conducted a St. Nicholas Day Christmas Event, based on the Stover Family
  - Re-enactors were the participants
  - A presentation of gingerbread making, and the tools used was well received.
- Reviewed the 2022 schedule of events
  - 1860’s baseball game
  - Historic textile demonstration
  - Arthur Erwin Play
  - Herb and garden demonstration
  - Various other activities

**BUCKS COUNTY HORSE PARK – Maureen Ferris**

- A major donor has provided \$20k to pave the driveway.
  - All is going well
  - Considering acceptance of bequests in the future.
- Comment – Mr. Raudenbush – you do a great job at the Horse Park.*

**Questions and Comment from the board**

- *Mr. Saddlemire* – Is there any update regarding the aerial adventure park?
- *Ms. Nagle* – an RFP was sent to the purchasing department for Design, Construction, and management of the site at Core Creek Park.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held at 2 pm on March 9, 2022, at Peace Valley Nature Center, 170 Chapman Road, Doylestown

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Recording Secretary  
Jodi Reimold