

The regular monthly meeting of the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Board was held on December 15, 2022 virtually on TEAMS at 10 am.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members:**

- **Present:** Craig Bowen, Vice-Chair, Eric Hinrichs, Thomas Marino, Charles Raudenbush, Chair Steve Saddlemire, Chris Wetzel, and Kristin Winters
- **Absent:** Theodore Moore and William Wert, Secretary
- **Staff:** PattiAnn Cutter, Assistant Naturalist, Silver Lake Nature Center, Angela Nagle, Executive Director, and Jodi Reimold

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022, meeting by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Wetzel. Motion was unanimously approved.

**SILVER LAKE NATURE CENTER – PATTIANN CUTTER**

- Brush Fire Information
  - Silver Lake Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue side on the Silver Lake Trail
  - November 26, 2022
    - 7.3 acres were burned
    - invasive species were burned out
  - First Responders
    - Eight local fire companies
    - 45 Fire Personnel
    - Three hours to contain.
  - Habitat restoration project is underway
    - Planted 13 Willow Oak trees
  - Conducted a cleanup on December 10, 2022
    - Removed 40 bags of litter
    - 36 tires
    - One half of a boat
  - No damage to the facility
  - Cause is still under investigation
- Programming
  - 12/17 123<sup>rd</sup> annual Audubon Bird Count
  - Invasive plant team event
  - Bird food sale

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

***2022 Year in Review***

- Reviewed Parks, nature centers, seasonal facilities, communicated overall department performance, financial information, and other key performance indicators

***DCNR Grant- Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan***

- First phase of project will begin in early 2023 with the selection of a study committee and completion of project statement of work to be used for eventual RFP.

***Ash Tree Removal***

- Commissioners awarded project to three contractors
- Work to begin in early 2023

***Oxford Valley Pool***

- PVC Membrane Liner Project
  - Commissioners awarded project to install a membrane in the pool.
  - Benefits include decrease in annual maintenance and improved aesthetics.

***Lake Luxembourg Conservation Pool Project***

- Removed 20,000 cubic yards of sediment from the east side of Woodbourne Road
- Lake is slowly refilling, dam gate was closed on November 10, 2022. Expect to be filled by January, 2023.
- Spring, 2023 equipment will be working the sediments into the agricultural field, then planting of varieties of cover crops will begin. This will encourage a healthy soil profile.

***Ordinance under review***

- Once review is complete Ordinance 95 and Ordinance 140 will be replaced by the updated ordinance

**Questions and Comments from the board**

- *Question Ms. Winters* – Which groups have a Friends group?
- *Response Ms. Nagle* – Churchville, Peace Valley, and Silver Lake Nature Centers
- *Comment Ms. Winters* – Consider recruiting environmental studies high school students.
- *Question Ms. Winters* – Is QR coding being considered for more areas in the future
- *Response Ms. Nagle* – A sign project for the county will include the QR codes
- *Question Mr. Saddlemire* – What is the status of the aerial park?
- *Response Ms. Nagle* – It is no longer a being considered. The County received one response which was later rescinded.
- *Comment Mr. Saddlemire* – Please explain the Parks and Recreation Preliminary Budget. It looked like a large increase and decrease.
- *Response Ms. Nagle* – The preliminary budget document outlines Parks expected revenues, the operating budget (expenditures) and the special projects budget. The large increase you see is demonstrated in the special projects budget.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held at 10 am on Wednesday, January 11 at Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 11 am

Recording Secretary  
Jodi Reimold