

The regular monthly meeting of the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Board was held at Core Creek Park Administration Office 901 Bridgetown Pike Langhorne, PA, July 12, 2023, at 10:05 am.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members:

Present: Craig Bowen, Vice-Chair; Eric Hinrichs, Theodore Moore, Charles Raudenbush, Chair; and Chris Wetzel

Absent: Thomas Marino, Steve Saddlemire, William Wert, Secretary; and Kristen Winters.

Staff: Angela Nagle, Executive Director and Jodi Reimold, Office Manager

Guests: George Hutt, Division Leader, General Services

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023, meeting by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Wetzel with the following amendment:

Added the following to Page 2: Park Board Questions and Comments

Mr. Hinrichs- What is the role and responsibilities of the Board and who does the Board report to? Do we have a charter? Does it mention what the Board is supposed to do and who we report to?

Response - Ms. Reimold- Reviewed the Board's by-laws. The by-laws says that the Board was formed in 1953 by the Bucks County Commissioners. It does not mention anywhere what the role of the Board is. Motion approved.

OPEN DISCUSSION – Prompted by Board Comments- Responsibility of the Board

Discussion of who and how the Parks and Recreation Board is to report to the Commissioners.

Ms. Nagle- states that she files weekly reports to the Chief Operating Officer and the Commissioners.

Mr. Hinrichs – sees the board in a more dynamic role. Reporting directly to the Commissioners.

Mr. Raudenbush – that could be problematic. Would each member of the board report directly to them?

Mr. Hinrichs – No, the Chairperson should be the representative.

Ms. Nagle – Will benchmark how other County level Park Boards in the region communicate with their Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Hinrichs – Would like to see the Board have a more dynamic role in support of the Executive Director. What the Commissioners want is what the Board will provide.

Mr. Moore – My understanding is the Commissioners suggest what they are planning, and the Board should either agree or disagree.

Ms. Nagle – The Board’s by-laws should be reviewed annually. Also, a reminder that the September meeting is when Board elections are held.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- OVGC Fire- clubhouse damaged, course closed 7/12 and 7/13.
- Parks Comprehensive Plan- Will be put out for public bidding this month.
- Seasonal facilities-
 - TVPO will not open this summer due to lack of staffing.
 - Question - Mr Hinrichs – Should a sign be placed at Tohickon Valley Park’s Pool indicating that there is a lack of staffing?
 - Response – Ms. Nagle – We have posted signage and communicated via Civic Rec and social media.
 - OVPool – pipe burst but has been repaired.
- County awarded a Natural Lands mini grant \$7500 (50% match) to address invasives at Lake Towhee

· Project Updates:

- Yellow wood Playground on agenda 8/16
- PVNC Master Trail Plan funded by FOPVNC: assessments began, approx. 1/3 of trail mapping completed.
- Park Signage and Wayfinding cost proposals under review
- PVP Dock installation near completion.
- Lake Caroline bridges completed.
- The following projects are still in design- SLNC restrooms, Hal Clark Boat Launch, SLNC Observation Deck, Ringing Rocks Parking & Restroom, Ringing Rocks Trailhead

· Dates to note:

- July is Parks and Recreation Month
- 7/20- 21 Paddle with a Purpose at Lake Towhee

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Hutt – Division Leader – General Services

- Grew up in Philadelphia.
- Resident of Feasterville.
- Responsible for dams, bridges, parks, and buildings.
- Rebuilding the boat ramp at Station Avenue in Croydon.
- Forestry team is expanding.
 - New bucket truck
 - New crew
 - New mulcher

PARK BOARD QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- Question Mr. Hinrichs – What criteria is used to bring a project to the front.
- Response – Mr. Hutt – Safety and Budget
- Question – Mr. Raudenbush – How can we make your job easier?
- Response – Mr. Hutt - Communicate issues with Angie Nagle she will work with him.
- Mr. Hinrichs – How do Parks projects get chosen?
- Response – Mr. Hutt – Angie Nagle communicates with General Services.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held at 10 am on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Peace Valley Nature Center, 170 Chapman Road, Doylestown

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am

Recording Secretary Jodi Reimold