

Allentown

*435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101*



Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

8:00 AM

10 Pump Place

Bucky Boyle Recreation Building

Recreation Board

Roll Call

Attendance:

Board: Nancy Witt, Ana Tiburcio, Josh Novak, Dave Snyder, Hamp Smith, & Rebecca Kiss.

City Council:

City Clerk:

Staff: Mandy Tolino, Bryne Heffner-Bair, Chris Hendricks

Other: Mayor Tuerk

Minutes

Approval of December 2024 Minutes

Attachments: [December 2024 Minutes Draft](#)

Introduced by Josh Novak and seconded by Nancy Wilt, all in favor.

New Business

Mayor Tuerk Reported on 2024.

Crime is down.

Focus on housing, Economics', Stability and Homeless.

Safe Streets Plan.

20 Million grant for Economic Development.

New Homeless Coordinator.

H Smith: Question regarding Donations made and Community input.

Completed Annual Report.

1. Election of Officers
2. Communications
3. Board Member Announcements

Becki Kiss: Nominations for new Officers:

Nomination for Chair:

Becki Declined

Josh Declined

Julie Declined

Nancy Accepted, all in favor.

Nomination for Secretary:

Josh Accepted, all in favor.

Old Business

1. Project Reports

Bryne Heffner reported on the following:

Parks Master Plan Deliverables include site plan at Fountain, Bucky Boyle & Roosevelt, next Meeting is on Line January 22nd.

Bogert's Bridge-Continuing with design, permitting, bid opening Apr 2025, Const 2025-26.

Dixon Bridge, Bid opens in December, construction to start mid April 2025.

Roosevelt Park Working on moving money to complete demo and to pavilion.

Jordan Skate Pk, Phase 2, Construction to begin mid April 2025.

MLK Trail working on design, \$250,000 grant received, need significantly more funding, also applied for grant for design of phase II to connect to Cedar, will hear in the fall. Additional funding from Senator Miller for design Phase 2.

Rose Garden- DCED Miller/Schlossberg- Stone repairs at Gazebo and entrance stairs, upgraded pavilion at Rose Garden #2.

Valenia Pk, Working on history sign.

Working on Swim Lesson Grant.

Complete list of all project status was submitted to Board via email.

Attachments: [Active Parks and Recreation Projects 1.2025](#)

2. Recreation Updates

3. Board Member Updates

Mandy Tolino Director reported on the following:

New Partnership will follow New Master Plan when finalized.

Final Walking night for Lights in the Parkway re-scheduled for tonight.

C. Hendricks reported on the following:

Aquatic seasonal staff, most will return.

Winter Basketball starts this weekend with partnership with PAL, will start with Skills & Drills than games will follow, all will be Executive Education with 100 kids in 2 groups.

ASD Lights on Program lingering.

Winter Volleyball will be at Trexler Middle School.

Adjourn

Nancy Witt 2nd Hamp Smith. at 9:04am.

Next meeting: February 5th 2025 at Bucky Boyle Rec Bldg