



Allentown Board of Recreation

Oct 2, 2024 Meeting

The Allentown Board of Recreation held their monthly meeting on Dec 4th, 2024, at Bucky Boyle Rec Building.

Attendance:

Board: Julie Ambrose, Josh Novak, Dave Snyder, Hamp Smith, Maritza Dolich-Torres & Rebecca Kiss.

City Council:

City Clerk:

Staff: Mandy Tolino, Blair Bryne-Heffner, Lucinda Wright, Chris Hendricks

Other: Simon Moore, Fire Chief Efrain, Police Capt Alicia Condor, Police Michael Becker.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by Chair Becky Kiss.

Minutes: The November 6th 2024 minutes were reviewed and approved by Julie Ambrose & Josh Novak, all in favor.

Communications:

Mandy Torino Director reported on the following:

- Lights on Agreement Draft to Allentown School District.
- Lights On costs haven't change as of now.
- Master Plan to focus on Fountain Park and Murials.
- City Council transferred to cover additional costs for staffing at Irving Pool.
- Monday Fundays !!
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C. Hendricks reported on the following:

- Lights on, setup Parameters.
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A. Ross reported on the following:

- Not In Attendance.
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Project Reports

Bryan Heffner reported on the following:

- Parks Master Plan Deliverables include site plan at Fountain, Bucky Boyle & Roosevelt.
- 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.
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Lucinda Wright: Deputy Director reported on the following

- Fountain Pool Demo under consideration.
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Board of Recreation Members Questions/Comments:

- J. Ambrose: Master Plan should include recommendations to provide for water safety.
- B Kiss: Annual Report to be submitted, not done in past.
- R Kiss: Election of Officers for next year.
- M. Dolich-Torres: Stepping down from Rec Board next year.
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Water Safety, Response and Education: Special Topic for Today

- Police: Average 5 rescue's every summer.
- PAL used to do Rafting, no longer do
- Extra Parks coverage on holidays, Grills, Alcohol.
- Fire Chief would not recommend swimming in any waterway.
- Fire Chief: Education !!!!
- Fire Chief: Large amount attend from Out-of-state.
- Lucinda: Not just Allentown, cheaper to swim in streams.
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There being no further business, the meeting was a Motion to adjourn by Julie Ambrose 2nd Josh Novak. at 9:05am.

The next Board of Recreation meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at the Bucky Boyle Rec Bldg at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Snyder

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