

**The Board of Recreation Commission  
of the Borough of Chester**

**Agenda  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
7/24/18 - 7 p.m. Field House**

**Roll Call:** Kelli Kovacevic, Betsy Fila, Michael Ferrone representing the Commission. Sandee Moroso Fela, Recreation Director. Dan Hartman and Chris Rapseik, guests.

**Call to Order:**

Sunshine Law Statement read.

**Minutes:** 6/26/18 minutes approved.

**Guests/Public Input:** Chris Rapseik, Chester, representing concerns of tennis players. 1. Tape was buckling and was a safety concerns. Now more permanent tape is being used and there is no buckling. 2. Recommended that we turn one court into a permanent 2 pickleball courts. **Correction to minutes 9/24/18. When asked what the optimal solution would be for the borough courts, Chris suggested to provide separate dedicated facilities for Pickleball and to not reduce current tennis facilities.**

Dan Hartman, Chester, Pickleball update and concerns. 1. This is a prototype for community interest in Pickleball. 2. Evaluate participation results at the end of fall. 3. Trial was to include using non-permanent lines on tennis courts. 4. Dan urged cooperation between Pickleball and Tennis players.

Commission stated that this is an approved prototype for community interest in Pickleball. We stressed our appreciation for Dan Hartman's commitment and volunteer time to tape courts and coordinate times on the courts. Dan found and is using a tape that is not buckling, eliminating the safety concerns. The

Commission will evaluate interest and recommendations after the fall court-sport season ends. Cooperation between all users of the Borough courts is encouraged.

### **Correspondence/Applications:**

1. Chester Garden Club – Requesting use of Gazebo and Rockerfellar Center for Craft Fair on September 8 & 9, 2018, 7am-7pm. Chester Garden Club is questioning the Borough’s request to pay fee for usage of Gazebo on these dates. Rec Dtr will research recent history of Garden Club to understand what they need to pay for this year. Current agreement is that the Borough will respect agreements already made until October 2018.
2. Eagle Scout Project – Jared Collins: build Gaga Pit at Grove Street Park. The Recreation Commission is not currently interested in permanent structures.

### **Old Business:**

1. Summer Concert: Not Enough Jeffs, July 22. Approximately 50 people held out to hear the concert in and out of rain!
2. Chester Summer Basketball ending July 25. Going forward, this organization has been informed they need to file Event Request Before starting their registration. Fees will be charged for use of facilities.
3. Beach Volleyball ending July 30.
4. Commission and Rec Dtr will set up a meeting to review ordinances and fees in September and then to discuss with Council.

### **New Business**

1. Chester Farmers Market every Sunday from 8-4 until 9/30
2. Art Classes: every Tuesday 10-12
  - a. Weekend Art Class: July 28
  - b. Evening Art Class: Aug 9
  - c. Kid’s Art Class: Aug 15

3. Summer Concert Series: August 12 with Third Rail at Gazebo. We will consider an Open Mic Night at the Gazebo with local musicians and possibly a 3<sup>rd</sup> concert.
4. 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church: Athletes in Action Soccer Camp at Municipal Field. Week of August 12.
5. Food Truck Festival: August 18.
6. Chester Cross Country Practice starts August 21 until Dec. 7 at Highlands.
7. Baby Sitter Course: Thursday, August 23 at Field House.
8. Movies in the Park: August 26 showing Wrinkle in Time. Free popcorn at 7:30 pm, movie at Dusk.
9. Fall Craft Fair: Sept. 6-9 at Municipal Field.
10. GranFondo: Sept. 9.
11. Fall Tennis starts up again Sept. 18-Oct. 30.
12. Photo Contest: Chester in the Fall, Sept. 21-Nov. 21.
13. Art Program Fall schedule: Every Tuesday and every other Wednesday or Thursday evening.
14. Park use formula of fees to be discussed amongst Commission. Review of existing fees in September and finalize by October.
15. DJ in the Park – tabled for 2018.
16. Fundraising project by Recreation Commission for help covering restoration costs of Rockefeller House tabled for now.
17. Park updates/additions
  - a. Field house railings painting completed.
  - b. Pesticide application on park grounds will be reviewed.
  - c. Mulch for Grove Street Park. 100 yards needed @ \$1,500.
  - d. Schedule table clean-up. New tablecovers purchased and worn out tables may need to start being replaced.
  - e. Field fencing request. We ask the baseball/softball group to come with a proposal for Commission to better understand need and costs.

**Next Meeting:** August 28, 2018, 7pm at the Field House

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:15 pm