

Newtown Borough Recreation Board Minutes

1/14/26, 7pm, Borough Hall

Attendees: Colleen Curtin, Aileen Kelly, Sean Barry, Joe Michelin, Bob Musto, Tracey Osecki, Elen Pasquale, Amelia Aspell. Josh Phillips (Borough Council Liaison)

Member Status Update: Michael Hurley will resign, we need his official letter of resignation in order to post the opening. That will bring us to an opening for one member and a secretary.

Rec Board Dates and Leadership

Arbor Day: Aileen Kelly and Tracey Osecki to chair. Colleen to finalize dates with Goodnoe. We will get together at Borough Hall on 1/28 at 6pm as a subcommittee to discuss vendor selection.

Movies in the Park: Colleen Curtin to chair. Discussed lower attendance over the last few years and decided to only promote two movies this year. One in the Spring on 6/17, one in the early fall 9/11. Both movies will be at dusk. Send movie recommendations to Colleen.

Fall Fest: Discussion of combining fall fest with Porchstock so families could end at Fall Fest with food trucks and a great local band. Sean Barry and Bob Musto to Co-Chair. Sean will coordinate with the Newtown Experience to see if they are interested in this plan. Date TBD based on that discussion. Also discussed a potentially larger turnout and how to accommodate (food trucks on the CVS side of Penn St with additional tables in Penn St.

**Discussion of alternatives to heavy rental tables including having the vendor set them up, renting from another company with lighter tables or buying our own tables. Bob Musto was going to do some research.

Halloween Parade: Date set for 10/24. Tracey Osecki and Elen Pasquale to Co-Chair

Halloween Movie: We will forgo this in favor of a September Movie

Caroling: December 9 **NEED CHAIR**

Supply List: New Straight Stakes for the screen with a rubber mallet, Small folding table for projector, XL Contractor Bags, Paper Cups, Additional Trash can for Brian Gregg Park. Joe to take care of these orders, receipts to go through Sean.

Parks and Rec Porchfest: Discussion of hosting two parks and rec porchfests this year. One at Joe Michelins and one at Elens. They will coordinate with Andy.

Park Walkthrough: scheduled for 3/20 at 1pm. Discussion of better follow through with Council this year to ensure that park needs are followed through.

Police Permits: Aileen will submit police permits

Social Media/Website: Continue to push our events through our own social media, local facebook pages and the Newtown Experience Instagram page. Tracey to do a short write up of each event we host with photos for the new Borough Website.

Update on Playground Equipment: We received the open space grant. The Borough will work to renovate Brian Gregg Playground late this Spring. Construction shouldn't effect Arbor Day or the Halloween Parade.

Linton Park Sign: Would only be able to promote Rec Board events – therefore tabled for now, will discuss at the next meeting.

End of the year wrap-up/Get together: Plan a rec board end of year party for 2026.

*Discussion of how to get electric to the Shed at Brian Gregg Park for use at Borough events like the Halloween Parade and Arbor Day. Discussion of Wifi in the park and potential for a connectivity grant. Josh will look into this. A rec board representative may attend a meeting to request this. It is not included in the open space grant.