

Parks Meeting

1/22/2024

Attendees: Carley Logan, Debbie Kurtik, Allie Ecker, Michelle Hatbob, Ron Welker, Chris Fabray, Jason Wagner, Cathy Rezak, Suzann Leiperz, Desiree Chronick, Sissy Anderson, Rich Lang, Butch King, Phyllis Stanoski, Mike Stanoski, Brenda McAllister, Stepanie Furnier, Krista Pisano, Autumn Turk

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Carley Logan

Welcome from Carley and introduction of board and audience.

Overview of Parks maintenance in 2023 and upcoming maintenance from Michelle Hatbob, which included pavilion roofs at Kinloch and Braeview, surface repair of tennis courts for pickleball, new swing and climbing apparatus, and picnic table repair at Veterans, and trimming, maintenance, and no dog signs on field at Kotecki.

Mayor Chris Fabray then talked about the \$108,000 grant that Lower Burrell received for the parks. Abby Major, Joe Pittman, and one other state rep helped us to get the grant. The monies will be used for the basketball courts at Burrell Lake Park and Kotecki Park. Repairs include acrylic surfaces and repairs to the BPL fence and benches. Kotecki will also get improvements on the walking trail to include the trail going around the softball fields. The monies must be used by 2025, and used only for the items stated above. Also, Lower Burrell must match at 15%.

Carley and Ron reviewed the list of previously mentioned items that need repaired in the parks. Please see meeting minutes from 11/27/2023 for the complete list.

Cathy Rezak, president of Burrellton Garden Club, brought up the issue of a tree growing in the butterfly garden at Burrell Lake Park. She would like it removed and possibly replanted somewhere else. Michelle said she will talk to them about the removal.

Brenda McAllister, representing the Girl Scouts, talked about Girl Scout gold awards, which are like Eagle Scouts. She said the scouts can do projects to help the parks. Chris then asked everyone for ideas for projects, and we'll get a list together for projects for Girl Scouts and Eagle Scouts.

Debbie is in talks with Denise Wagner, the Burrell High School art teacher, to have the high school art students paint murals in the parks. Ideas include the music stage at

Burrell Lake Park, the rock at the entrance of BLP, and wings of Lower Burrell in one of the parks.

Revisited talk of Spring day of caring.

Garden Club will be working together with the parks. Their meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 at Grace. They are always looking for new members.

Krista Pisano and Autumn Turk talked about the school/community event on April 11 at the middle school. Any local business owners or presidents of groups/clubs are welcome to have a booth. Email Krista for more information at krista.pisano@burrell.k12.pa.us

Carley read the current list of upcoming events in Lower Burrell for 2024.

- March 16 St Patrick's Day parade
- March 23 Easter egg hunt
- May 4 Garden Club May Mart
- 2nd Friday May-Sept Music in the park
- May 25-Oct 25 Farmer's Market
- June Fishing tournament
- July 20 Community Day
- Aug 31 Inclusive Game Day
- Sept 28 or Oct 12 Harvest Fest
- Dec 14 Holiday parade/Tree Lighting/festival

Carley then talked about each event.

St Patrick's parade and egg hunt handled by the city. Chris will have more info later.

Garden club May Mart is their big fundraiser. It will take place at the city hall garage. Carley also brought up possible garden tours in spring/fall within the city.

Dates for music in the park: May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug 9, and Sept 14. Hopefully we will have food trucks. Debbie will be booking the music.

Opening day of the Farmer's market is May 25. It will be at Bon Air, possibly 9-12:30. Applications for vendors will be at the end of this week for current vendors, and next month for new vendors. Christmas in July on July 27, and Harvest fest on Oct 5.

Looking for new vendors and demonstrators. Possibly Garden Club can have a booth.
Carley looking for a 4H group

Chris said the fishing tournament will be June 1, 8, or 15. Planning on an educational talk at the start. Jason said the ladies aux will serve hot dogs.

Fall harvest fest will be either Sept 28 or Oct 12.

Next, there was a discussion on the city's website. Possibly making a Lower Burrell Parks facebook page to help with advertising all of the events.

Back to events... Carly will be reaching out to Josh Eller about a 5k in June.

Community day July 20 at Kotecki Park.

- Need a budget
- Need many volunteers
- Need better marketing
 - A frame signs and articles in the trib
- Activities may include
 - Sand art bottles
 - Music
 - Las Hachas for kids and adults
 - Petting zoo
 - Cookie decorating
 - Build a bouquet
 - Corn hole
 - Bubble maker
 - Dunk tank
 - Bounce house
 - Look into A1 rentals and the Party Guys
- Electric, 1 pole with 18 receptacles, outlets in soccer shack and by softball fields.
- Parking, shuttle is \$75/hour. Rich said about parking at Kotecki only for vendors and handicap. Chris said about parking at Hillcrest and shuttle from there.
- Bathrooms, need to rent portapotties

Carley needs the following committee heads for the Community Day

- sponsorship/donations
- Advertising

- music/entertainment
- Volunteer coordinator
- Food trucks
- Carnival activities

Rich Lang talked about the 2023 Christmas parade and ideas for next year's parade.

Chris talked about a meeting he is having on Feb 20 at 7pm. It will be a once a year meeting for 1 representative from every organization in Lower Burrell to meet and exchange information. He would like everyone to work together and support all community events.

Carley motioned to adjourn, and Jason seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Kurtik
Parks Commission Secretary