

NEW HOPE PARKS & REC BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 @ 7:00PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

AGENDA

- ❖ Meeting will be called to order.
- ❖ Roll call/attendance taken
- ❖ Review/Approval of June meeting minutes

Finances: Report from Christina Szabo will be brought to meeting with YTD expenditures.

New Business:

- The NH Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a pre-fireworks festival on Friday, 8/4. This festival will take place on Stockton Ave (will be closed down) & Lenape Park. There will be artists/craft vendors on the street and La Cucina will participate as well. The Chamber will host a beer garden and small food stand in Lenape Park. Please be assured that all precautions are being taken to ensure that nothing gets damaged in the park. If damage were to happen, they do have a COI that would cover any issues.

I have requested that the beds in the park be cordoned off to prevent anyone from walking on them and have also requested security (preferably NHPD). Trash was also a concern and the chamber has assured me that there will be plenty of receptacles placed throughout the park & Stockton Ave. and cleanup will be paramount in both areas. Hours of this event will be 5pm – till fireworks begin. Setup will begin around 3:30. I plan to be on hand to oversee the setup and remain until the conclusion and cleanup is completed.

- We had a request for a memorial bench. The 'gifts form' has been updated to show a black TREX bench and the cost is \$800. The bench can be ordered directly through TREX and it is \$349 with free shipping. A plaque will cost \$30. I found a place in Flemington that did a great job on Tom Carroll's and will continue to use them. Our profit on the bench will then be approximately \$430. I am hoping that the decreased cost associated with a gifting a bench will generate many more requests!

On the subject of gifts – I am currently shopping for another supplier for bricks. PAVERART, out of Lindenwold NJ, charges \$96. \$59 of this is for shipping, leaving us with a \$4 profit.

Old Business:

- Community Wildlife Certification Program – will be tabled until August when hopefully the full board will be present to discuss and vote on this initiative.
- Bucks Beautiful – representatives from the Shade Tree Commission will be present at our August meeting to discuss this program. Reps: Bob Margadonna/Gloria Broeker
- Spoke to Chamber regarding the idea of a Halloween parade and suggested that their group is more suited (with volunteers) to put this together. I also explained our budget constraints but will do what we can to 'Fallify' the borough as best we can.

Next Meeting: August 28, 2023

Meeting Adjourned