

Good Afternoon,

Please see below for an update on the Pottstown Parks and Recreation Park System for December of 2022. Parks and Recreation had an eventful December which included the following apart from regular seasonal maintenance:

- Awarded \$40,000 from PAHWF to support the Manatawny Creek and Pedestrian Bridge Project in Riverfront Park. This brings the available grant funding for the project up to \$267,444. This project is set to proceed in the Spring of 2023. As you know, the first time this went out to bid, no satisfactory bids were obtained, so additional design work to assist with the bid will be undertaken through the Winter to prepare for a successful late Winter rebid and Spring implementation. This project seeks to armor the eastern embankment of the Manatawny Creek to protect the pedestrian bridge abutment and preserve it against erosion damage for continued use.
- With the generous collaboration of The Hill School, we were able to host community ice skating at the rink on 12/28, 12/29 and 12/30. We were very pleased with the outcome and estimate we had approximately 160 skaters over 3 days. (total was not available at time of this report, as 12/30 numbers have not yet been reported). This program was made possible through the assistance of volunteers
- Installed 4 new anchored, steel park benches at Riverfront park, including the scenic outlook at the confluence of the Schuylkill River and Manatawny Creek. We expect these sturdy installation will stand up better to future floods in the park.
- Installed final site amenities at Memorial Park playground, including uniform steel benches installed in November and trash receptacles installed in December.
- Hosted and Organized the Funky Santa 5K in Riverfront Park for 90 participants on 12/4/22
- Erected and decorated the Holiday Tree in Smith Family Plaza for a successful tree lighting event on 12/4/22
- Polar Bear Swim and New Year's Day Bonfire is slated for 1/1/23 in Riverfront Park. Registration is 9:30 AM until the plunge at 10:30 AM. We hope to see you there.

If you have questions about these projects or other pending projects, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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