

Friends of Borski Park

Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2026

Location: Borski Park | Prepared: J. Spector.



1. Call to order

Brian Green called the meeting to order at 7:05

2. Introductions / Attending

- Stacy Schwab, Stacy Sabarese, Stephanie Phillips, Trish Houck, Cathie Polakowski, Cathy Tenaglia, Dorothy Lang, Bob Pomager, Mark Magro, Brian Green, Jayne Spector, Marian Michaclok, Tristan Cripps, Tony Cappola, Fran Cappola

3. 250th Patriotic Bicycle Decorating Contest & Parade

- First year event
- Approximately 75 attended
- Positive feedback from attendees, despite hot weather all felt it was successful
- Raised \$96 for Friends of Borski
- FOB support repeating in annual basis
- Expand publicizing, flyers, social & print media to build future attendance

4. Parks on Tap

- September 9–13 (Wednesday - Friday 4-10pm, Sat - Sunday noon – 10 pm)
- \$2,000 donation to Borski to program event
- Brian provided a sign up for Volunteers to staff FOB tables
 - BG will provide print outs of new development, events, surveys for programing ideas for attendees
- Programming each evening
 - Musicians for Wed – Saturday have been contacted
 - Sunday- Eagles fan-related programing, (birding event!)

- Yappy Hour - expand with costumed dog parade, pet portraits, invite pet related businesses and pet adoption and care agencies
- Salsa dancing lessons (Shana Vitov at Society Hill Dance?)
- Trivia night (Anxious Millennial Trivia?)
- Local Vendor Fair (Saturday afternoon; \$25/ per vendor table)
- Sell Preordered and spec Friends of Borski t-shirts
- 2027 Friends of Borski Calendar if ready

5. Ongoing Programs

- Spring/ Summer Programs included: Knitting, Yoga, Nature Yoga, All in Athletics, Kickball, Silver Sneakers, Biking, Little Sit Birding
- Fall/ Winter Programs: Unorthodox Yoga, All in Athletics, Kickball, Silver Sneakers, Natural Arts Workshop
- Not all people that sign up attended; recommend small deposit or email follow up to encourage attendance or timely cancelation to allow late signers to attend if space is available.

6. Events

- Halloween Event – Spooky Movie, Food Trucks, Costumes,
- Winter Holiday Market/ Christmas Village by State Street events, for 12/12/26. Santa, vendors, possibly carriage rides.

7. Projects & Installations

- Bird Box and Stick Library installations completed
- Bottlecap Mural – Trish is completing panels featuring native plants and animals to be installed on concrete wall to downriver side of site and working with installer to schedule fall 2026 installation.
- River's Edge Planting – Grant provided for planting and related workforce development to teach about landscape contracting to be completed in fall 2026. Low, native flowering and berried shrubs have been selected to allow views of river. Grass paths to river will be left as mowed turf to accommodate walking and drainage ways.
- Riverfront north is fundraising for Tacony Boat Launch improvements

8. Trail Run – 4 Miler

- Rescheduled to early April 2027 due to current construction at Pulaski Park. Organize training events and flyers to encourage participants to train early in 2027

9. Volunteer & Stewardship

- June & July volunteer days – Wednesday nights have been slow
- Seeking ideas for recruiting additional volunteers – Suggest corporate or school groups who may be interested. Flyer distribution,
- Brendan is working on establishing Tree Tender group for Bridesburg.
- Next Volunteer night is scheduled for Wednesday August 26 at 6PM
- One Friday morning volunteer session a month will be added to be published in Bulletin and social media

10. Communications

- Bridesburg Bulletin Section
- Ongoing Social Media Posts
- Grid Article

11. Financials

- Last balance \$2,341
 - Bike Parade + \$96
 - State St. Events Check +1,206
- Updated balance **\$3,643**
- Expenses for bike parade, supplies and \$200 DJ fee to be deducted and reflected in next updated balance. Last Years Parks on Tap programming cost to be deducted.

Meeting adjourned ~ 8:00 PM.

- Next meeting scheduled October 5th at Borski Park, pending weather. Meeting is at 6pm due to sunset times being earlier.