

**London Grove Township
PRB Virtual Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2020**

Members present

Laura Miller
Toinette Neilson
Eric Schott

Staff Present

Ken Battin-Township Manager
Shane Kinsey-Dir. Of Public Works

1. Call To Order-Virtual Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:00

2. Agenda adopted with two additional items added to New Business-Boy Scout Eagle project and Southern Trail

3. Recognition of Guests

Steve Ritici-resident
Sean Franklin- resident
Matt Franklin- resident

4. Approval/Correction of the minutes of Feb. meeting were approved

5. Park Report

- a. **Park**- Director Kinsey reported everything is open. The water line has been repaired. Tire swing needs still to be repaired. The Simesak bridge has been pulled and replaced with culvert pipes and stone.
- b. **Dog Park**-nothing to report
- c. **Garden**-wild flowers sown in beds that were not rented.

6. Old Business

- a. Final Vision and Mission Statement approved
- b. The Natural Lands (NL) project was verified and voted in favor of
- c. Purple Martin Project-It is moving forward. Dr. Butler met with Ken and three sites are being considered as for placement of tower.
- d. Fee in lieu- Ken explained this funding mechanism and its history in funding Goddard Park. Developers sometimes present to the PRB which then makes recommendations to the Planning Commission and BoS. The BoS has wide discretion in what they require of the developers. As most of the south of LGT is built out there are no large housing developments planned at this time which means that the park fund will not increase much from the fee in lieu monies.
- e. 501 C 3-(part of these notes is a result of a phone conversation between Eric and Ken on 7/31/20) The 501 C 3 legal work has progressed to a point where the BoS is asking the PRB if we want to proceed. Ken estimates that about \$1000 has been spent thus far and that ultimately it

will probably cost another \$2000. After that there will be yearly filing fees and paperwork that will cost about \$750 to \$1000. The application and yearly fees will come out of the PRB budget.

A 501 C 3 board will have to be created that will oversee the funds and distribution. The board will consist of township budget director Jacqui Gunther who will serve as treasurer, township manager Ken Batin, a BoS member and a member of the PRB. A 501 C 3 allows for donation solicitation with no express project goal and allows the donor to claim tax benefits. If we don't go ahead with the 501 C 3 we can still solicit funds but not without a specific project in mind and there is no tax relief provided to donor.

When asked if the costs and maintenance of a 501 C 3 would justify its benefits Ken said "no" because we are not a township with a lot of businesses, institutions or individuals that would be likely to donate. Ken acknowledged this was a short-term view and that things could change in the future.

7. New Business

- a. NL proposal-the township will be moving ahead
- b. Bat Signage-the bat box sign is missing. Shane is going to see if he can find something to replace it.
- c. There will be no Volunteer Day or celebration this year due to COVID 19.
- d. The Chester County Planning Commission had a virtual meeting in early July that explored finding a walking trail through the southern part of the county. It would connect Chadds Ford, Kennett Square, Avondale, West Grove and Oxford. Three routes were presented and discussed. This endeavor will probably be 10 to 20 years in its completion.
- e. Ken announced that budget requests are due in August.
- f. Boy Scout project-Sean Franklin attended the meeting along with his father, Matt. Sean wants to create a promotional video for the township that will consist of still photos and a drone video. Once completed the video would be accessible on the township website. The PRB enthusiastically approved this Eagle project

The next meeting of the PRB will be August 19th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Schott