

**London Grove Township  
Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2021**

**Members present at township building**

Laura Miller  
Toinette Neilson  
Audrey Reith  
Eric Schott

**Staff Virtually Present**

Shane Kinsey-Dir. Of Public Works

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**1. Call To Order**-Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

**2. Agenda** approved

**3. Recognition of Guests**-Tina Skinner. She is interested in joining the PRB

**4. Approval/Correction of the minutes of February 2021 meeting were approved. *“Correction to March minutes is that trail named in Paddy’s honor has already been done. The sign is under construction.”***

**5. Park Report**-Mowing has begun at the park. Mulching is finished and flowers planted in front bed. The Public Work’s department is down two members. Reseeding the dog park has begun and the defibrillator has been put back on lavatory wall.

**6. Old Business-**

**Memorial to Steve and Marna Goddard**- Incorporating some ideas from Audrey’s plan, Laura brought two sketches to the meeting. There was Plan A and B and the merits of each were discussed. Plan A emerged from this discussion as the favored and Laura is going to make a 3D model for May’s meeting. It was decided that a small tree(s) like a red bud would be considered along with a unique bench style, perhaps granite. The PRB also seems to be leaning toward a simple flagstone base that will keep maintenance costs down. Marna Goddard’s sister has contacted the township and would like to be involved in the creation of the memorial.

**Cost of Trail Connection at Rosehill/Avondale**- Shane worked up an approximate estimate of \$20,000 and he is going to make the BoS aware of this project. It would be in-house construction. This discussion was also followed by a history of the Hills of Sullivan Trail system and the township’s responsibility

**Farm Market**-At this moment the idea will not be pursued. Concerns stem from how much business could we attract compared to the borough of West Grove and who would commit to being the organizer. Audrey said she would further investigate PA Farmmarkets and what assistance they could give us in getting this started.

**Cost estimates for shelf ready projects**-The PRB went through the entire list and created three categories-Low Cost, Medium Cost and High Cost.

**Low Cost-**

Benches, trash cans, outdoor grills, picnic tables, bike racks-need more information  
Signage- need more information  
Park Events- need more information  
Meadow establishment-Natural Lands information  
Meadow maintenance-Natural Lands information

**Medium Cost-**

Upgrade existing trails, expand trail systems, extend some trails-need more information  
Maintenance of all improvements-currently a \$50,000 cost  
Invasive plant containment-Natural Land's info needed  
Additional trees needed-need more info, non-native species-need more info.  
Close priority trail gaps-\$20,000 to \$50,000

**High Cost-**

Tot lot-\$125-150,000  
Multi-purpose playing field-\$350,000  
Pave and expand south parking lot-\$200,000 to \$300,000  
Bathroom-lower lot-\$250,000-\$300,000  
Pond reclamation-\$200,000  
Streambank restoration-Natural Land's info needed  
Bridge to Goddard parcel-\$350,000

**Search for New Board member**-Tina Skinner might be interested

**Purple Martin House project with Univ. of DE**-The house is installed over in the septic ponds area in Feb. 2020.

**7. New Business**

**Trails named after Paddy and the Goddards**-The most outer northern trail at the top end of the park will be named in Paddy's honor. We just need the sign made. The only unnamed trail is the most western path that hooks up with Sweet's Trail and parallels Lamborn until it connects with most western trail in Lamborn. This will probably be the trail named after the Goddards.

**Blosser Property**-What are we going to do with it? Currently it is considered Open Space so at the present time nothing is being done. There is a possibility of a trail being put into the property. Resident Larry Matchen would like to be involved when the township decides to do something with it. He was on the citizen advisory committee for Goddard Park.

**501 © 3 status-** No action on this still.

## **8. Adjournment**

Next meeting May 19th at 7 pm at LGT township building.