

**London Grove Township  
Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2021**

**Members present at township building**

Laura Miller  
Toinette Neilson  
Audrey Reith  
Eric Schott  
Tina Skinner

**Staff 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**-Don Murphy owner and operator of Tru Performance. Don came to introduce himself to the board and to talk a little about his business. He was thinking about a public/private venture and was directed to talk to Ken Battin.

**4. Approval/Correction of the minutes of May 2021 meeting were approved.**

**5. Park Report**-Shane mentioned that the Yorgalite fence was damaged by a falling branch and will be repaired in the future. He also mentioned that the township has worked on the White Clay Trail with stone and the old wooden crossing was removed.

An update on the Goddard land that their house sits on was delivered and at this point it looks as though the township will receive another ten acres that surround the house while the two and a half acres that the house sits on will remain as a Goddard family possession.

There followed a discussion of mowing and haying the fields. There is a desire by the township to lock their mowing and haying contracts together and contracts are being negotiated.

Mowing of the fields will be three times a year and the question arose as to how this impacts the Natural Lands contract. Audrey was in favor of two mowings a year due to the benefits to wildlife.

Lastly, Shane said that the Board of Supervisors wants to close the garden in 2022 due to conflicts with some of the people renting the garden plots. This was a surprise to all PRB members as it was expressed by all that we have not heard about any issues with the garden operation. Discussion followed as to how this situation can be resolved. Laura said she is not sure what the purpose of the PRB is if the BoS is not going to engage with us on matters regarding the park. Audrey wondered if increasing the price of the garden beds would help the situation.

## **6. Old Business-**

**Memorial to Steve and Marna Goddard-** Laura displayed her Goddard Memorial and everyone commented on its beauty and commitment to detail. At this point we do not have a cost estimate but Shane estimated somewhere between \$10,000 and \$20,000 depending on how much in house labor was used. Shane also mentioned that some of the BoS wants to move the Memorial Garden inside the garden fenced area.

This also touched off a discussion of the playhouse and the fact that it will need a lot of work within five years

**Cost estimates for shelf ready projects-**There were still further refinements to the LGT Park's projects list and they are as follows: the tot lot was moved up one category to \$50,000-\$150,000 and repair of playhouse was added to the \$150,000 -\$500,000 listing.

## **7. New Business**

**Recreation Resource USA-**This a local company that Laura emailed us some information about and her thinking was perhaps they could be involved in a Tot Lot.

**501 © 3 status-** nothing new

**Natural Lands proposal-**Laura emailed them on 6/2 and we are awaiting word.

**New Member-**Tina Skinner has officially joined the board but Eric Schott has announced that he is moving out of the township in October, 2021 so another new member will be needed.

**Blosser property-** Shane mentioned that there is a grant possibility (unknown provider) that could create money for an accessible parking lot on the Blosser property and provide a trail and fishing pier on that property.

**Grant Opportunities-**It is possible that we could get some money from Giant Food Market for benches or signage in the form of a grant. Shane also discussed a DCNR grant that is an 80/20 match and could be helpful in replacing Husband's Bridge.

## **8. Adjournment**

Next meeting July 21st at 7 pm at LGT township building.

