

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

Members present at township building

Laura Miller
Toinette Neilson
Audrey Reith
Eric Schott
Tina Skinner

Staff Present

No staff

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

2. Agenda approved

3. Recognition of Guests-no guests

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

5. Park Report- no park report with Shane being on vacation

6. Old Business-

A. Laura and Eric met with the township manager, Ken Battin on July 14th, to discuss several issues and the memorial garden for the Goddards was one of the main topics. Ken indicated that this venture could be in the 2022 budget, and he also agreed to the idea that some or all of the work could be done by an outside company that specializes in this sort of task. Audrey wondered if some of the preparation work could be done by Shane Kinsey and the Public Works department to save money. A cost analysis will be done by someone that Ken knows. There will be another campaign to solicit funds for this undertaking including Facebook, quarterly newsletter and flyers. Laura is going to send her mockup drawings to Dawn to publish on the township website.

B. Future project cost estimates were discussed at great length and then prioritized with #1 being the most important..

\$0-\$50,000

1. Goddard Memorial
2. Signage
3. Pond renovation consultation
4. Benches and other items
5. Meadow maintenance

-Biodegradable doggie bags and Goddard Memorial will go into the budget requests

\$50,000-\$150,000

1. Husband's Bridge replacement
2. Tot Lot
3. Rosehill/Avondale New London Rd. hookup to trail system
4. Maintenance costs
 - Upgrade of existing trails and additional trees tabled
 - Meadow establishment and streambank restoration moved to highest category

\$150,000-\$500,000

1. Refurbishment of farmhouse play area
2. Pond reclamation
3. Multi-purpose playing field
4. Bathroom at lower lot
5. Expand parking lot
6. Streambank restoration
7. Bridge to Goddard house and mill race

C. New member search-Laura contacted Steve but he does not think he can do it. Audrey and Tina both know of someone and will contact them. There was also some discussion if we can find someone in the Latino community.

D. Status of 501 C 3- Almost there, the final draft is going to the BoS in August

E. Natural Lands- no word

7. New Business

A. 2022 Budget-items that will be in the budget include Goddard Memorial Garden, promotional material, consultation fees and Community Day Festival

B. Vegetable Garden-At the 7/14 the garden was also discussed. Ken believes the garden is problematic and he cites the following areas: damage to locks on spigot, friction with township staff regarding garage doors, spraying herbicide and access to water, raised beds being used that have not been paid for and inappropriate language. The PRB was very surprised to hear of this as we have not been told about these issues until the June 2021 meeting.

The PRB is committed to keeping the vegetable gardens open and suggests the following:

1. A sign posted in the garden with specific rules stated clearly with penalties outlined for infractions along with a positive message
2. No herbicides should be sprayed near the vegetable garden
3. Closer contact between garden users and the township regarding bed use and payment
4. Tina thought that a liaison to keep concerns at the garden communicated to the township and gardeners in a timely fashion might have merit. This liaison will also foster

a closer working relationship between all gardeners. She suggested payment for the liaison will be one free garden bed for the season.

C. Meadow mowing and haying-Another area discussed with Ken on 7/14. Laura is hopeful that the Natural Lands report will clarify the optimum mowing schedule. Audrey and Laura both think the mowing should be just twice a year. There was no resolution agreed upon. The PRB voted unanimously at the July meeting to not have an autumn mowing.

D. Giant Market sign-Is it too late to apply for this grant?

E. Blosser property grant-Township has applied for this. Money would be used for parking, a trail or possible fishing.

F. DCNR grant-A grant application to replace Husband's bridge has not been filed by township.

8. Adjournment

Next meeting September 15th at 7 pm at LGT township building. The August meeting is cancelled.