

April 20, 2022

Parks and Recreation Committee

Members present:

Tina Skinner  
John Bickhart  
Laura Miller

Staff present:

Robert Weer, Assistant Township Manager  
Audrey Reith

**1. Call to order 7:00 pm by Laura**

**2. Presentation by Cliff Anderson**

James Fritsch and Mark Ungemach for Cliff Anderson came to ask for Parks Committee opinion regarding trail installation of “fee in lieu of” requirement for new dog park development on Guernsey Road. Because no other recreation trails in the area, the committee recommended the developers pursue “fee in lieu of” with Board of Supervisors, and Robert said this could be in excess of \$49,600. He will write the letter with park committee recommendation.

**3. Approval of agenda**

**4. Recognition of Guests**

Casey Groff and Jim Ambrose from the Tree Committee

Robert Weir clarified that there will continue to be two committees, but that exploring overlap would be beneficial. This was the first meeting of the Tree Committee. It may prove beneficial to combine the two. Casey has a tree background in tree management, but isn't sure how he can be of help. Another member, Pat Joyce, is away this weekend. Casey asked if we have a tree survey, Robert said no. Discussed vine removal project by a Scout at Blosser Property.

**5. Approval of minutes of March, with correction/addition of Larry Glicklick's last name.**

**6. Park Report**

Robert said mowing has begun, April 18. Veggie garden wheelbarrow tire pumped up. Lots of tomato cages. The beds were tilled for the gardens. Four beds still available. Material for the raised beds will be delivered Friday for Saturday morning bed building project.

Dog park will be closed for mulching last week. Signs were hung in the kiosk for volunteer days.

**Financial update:** nothing to report.

**7. Old Business**

**Goddard Memorial Garden.** Waiting for Shane to review plans, costs and potential division of labor between township and contractors, as discussed with Laura. Then legal bidding process will have to be determined, and a decision is expected by fall, Robert said. Audrey said with the anniversary coming up there is some opportunity to get the word out, and she talked with Beth

Rotunno who offered discount on a granite memorial. Audrey asked for a dollar amount that we are trying to raise in order to get it out in the community.

**Scout projects.** John brought a drawing of Goddard Park area to Avondale Road. Doing an inventory of areas that need to be worked on, areas of poor drainage and bridges that need to be worked on. Identified 12 areas of work, titling each project and highlighting activities and materials needed. Robert said these are shelf-ready projects that the BOS could pre-approve for scouts. Discussion of creating a digital mastercopy of map and projects.

Casey asked for definition of small, medium and large projects, and John defined them as needing more material, money, and equipment. Committee asked for price estimate and priorities for the list of projects.

**501c3 update:** nothing new, Robert Weir

**Earth Day:** Garden boxes to be built Saturday, 10-1 pm

**Volunteer Event June 4<sup>th</sup>** for vine removal. Robert said public works has someone certified to apply herbicide. Laura wants to plan a walk to scout out areas for removal

**Walk in the Park:** Audrey has been working on organizing speakers for hour-long evening walks. Talked with County Park Rangers, who said they'd help. Spoke with Master Gardeners, and a woman from Elk Creek Watersheds. Audrey asked permission to schedule monthly events, and asked if she'd have to pay to advertise events on the website. She will create some dates through October.

**Scout projects:** Audrey asked about other projects, like vines, bat houses, etc. Robert asked for one document of shelf/shovel-ready projects for would be volunteers. Laura said they could be added to John's list, and he said he could add them to the map.

**Grant updates:** nothing new

## 8. New business

**Community Day:** Working on getting donations for September event

**Bench donation:** Robert needs to reach out to him

Partnering with the Tree Committee: Casey manages natural lands around Kendall Crossing, and said he'd love to work with Parks and Rec. Jim likes to plant trees and cut vines. He'd like to work with getting trees donated and planted. Casey said the woods need management now or it will not be woods several decades from now.

## 9. Next meeting May 18, 2022

**Adjournment:** 8:40 pm