

June 15, 2022

## Parks and Recreation Committee

### Members present:

Laura Miller

Toinette Neilson

Tina Skinner

Heide Harper (garden liason)

John Bickart

Casey Groff (tree committee)

Jim Ambrose (tree committee)

### Staff present:

Robert Weer, Assistant Township Manager

#### **1. Call to order 7 pm**

#### **2. Approval of agenda** as presented

#### **3. No Guests present**

#### **4. Approval of minutes** (John asked to clarify negotiations on access trail between Blosser and Goddard. Weir explained that the trail will run south of Avondale Road on two acres of property)

#### **5. Park Report**

No news on park or dog park. Just typical vandalism – broken glass, some turfing near parking lots, a sign knocked over. – Robert

Veggie Garden: Final board on new raised beds has been installed, Weir said, and dirt is available. Heide reported that one raised bed has a board peeling away, because of a rotten post. She suggested some kind of metal bracket to hold it together. Casey offered to take a look to see if he can fix it. The two new raised beds have still not been filled, and though she has asked, the

gardeners have not come to help fill them, including the people who rented the beds. The other garden plots are doing well. Laura said Pat got the soil from Laurel Valley, and Robert said public works retrieved the first load and will get the next. Robert thanked them for the donations and believes they will offer more.

No Financial Report

## 6. Old business

**Donation:** Barry Glicklich has offered to fund \$1500 for the bench, plus \$200 for shipping. The township will pay for the installation near lower bridge, #BR4. He is in contact with Laura and Robert. Laura suggested he write a check to the township London Grove Friends of the Park. Tina suggested a newsletter write-up and a notice in the kiosk thanking Glicklich for the new bench after it is installed. John knows of a really nice place for placement. Will require concrete footings. Robert will work with Mr. Glicklich and arranging a meeting with John.

**Grant updates:** \$12,000 from Dockstetter for Blosser Property entrance and eight parking spaces, will be awarded May 16<sup>th</sup>. County grant to connect Rose Hollow and Inniscrone grant was received. No updates on Watershed Study.

**Goddard Memorial Garden:** Laura spoke with Melanie, Marna Goddard's sister, who will donate \$10,000 toward the memorial. Laura gave her instructions for working through 501c3. The township has to get two additional quotes in order to make a decision. Robert said they township is expecting the check in the mail, and is working with a \$21,000 threshold requiring three bids. Robert said there are questions about the total project – what the

township will contribute, donations, etc., then it will go out to bid. Also, the township architect, Martha \_\_\_\_\_ has to review it. Also, Audrey is working on a plaque.

**Volunteer Vine Removal:** Laura said we got a lot done. Casey has returned several times to see the vines dying. Very successful. Discussed how to get more volunteers for events. John suggested little lawn signs to remind people, and said there are signs already inviting people the third Saturday of the month to volunteer. Facebook dog park group and Nextdoor app were discussed. Tina said she will act as a volunteer coordinator. Toinette said there are T-shirts and frisbees somewhere for volunteers.

**Walk in the Park:** Audrey had one event, but no one showed up. Another is planned in July, and Toinette said she saw it in the newsletter.

**Trail projects:** John said some of those projects need to have some meat to them. Details about what is required from the township in terms of equipment and materials. Will meet next week with Shane on Husband's Trail to examine need to bypass tree roots near trail head to discuss what is needed. John hopes to create an alternate trail.

## **7. New Business**

Robert: Board voted not to do the Fall Community Day, for reasons including that no donations have come in. Next year will be 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the township, and the Board asked that Parks and Rec take the lead on this, and that Dawn not be taxed with the work. And no public money. Originally \$5,000 was allocated. The Board said it has to be donated money. So that will be on agenda next month.

*Next meeting July 20th*

**8. Adjournment: 8:20 pm**