

November 16, 2022

Parks and Recreation Committee

Members present:

Laura Miller

Heide Harper

John Bickhart

Tina Skinner

Audrey Reith (via phone)

Guests:

Tree committee members absent: James Ambrose, Patrick Joyce, and Casey Groff

Staff present:

Robert Weer, Assistant Township Manager

- 1. Call to order 7:00 pm**
- 2. Approval of agenda** as presented
- 3. No Guests present**
- 4. Approval of minutes**

5. Park Report

Park: Robert said two new benches, donated by Gary Glicklich were installed near southern parking lot and by the bridge.

Dog Park- Robert said water has been turned off throughout the park.

Garden: Heide put out an email inviting gardeners to volunteer day Saturday, and has had three confirmations. Soil will be delivered Friday. New equipment will be available in township lot. 2. The Boy Scout plot was used, but Heide doesn't know by whom. There were

veggies, and it was cleaned up afterward. 3. A gardener said that strangers were in the garden with a cooler and were just taking what they could find. She suggested a change for the combination lock next year. 4. One gardener did not put things away this year or last (when his wife was sick) and she recommended that he not be given a plot next year. 5. Heide suggested a rule change allowing gardeners to sign up for the same bed the following year. Robert suggested that non-residents be bumped if residents apply for all the beds before March 16. Heide asked about \$31 and \$51 fees for resident and non-residents. Robert said money helps cover mowing and maintenance, and this year the fees almost paid for the new beds. \$880 was brought in by the garden beds this year. The cost of maintenance has not been broken down. Heide said the fee for non-resident seems high, Audrey and Robert said it should not be raised. Heide said the rain barrel was empty before Nov. 1 and wondered if someone turned it off. Robert didn't know what happened.

Financial Report: Robert said quarterly report will be done at the end of the year.

6. Old business

Update on grants: trail grants have been completed.

Benches were delivered October 20 to be installed by township staff.

Goddard Memorial Garden: Robert said they met with landscape architect and were not satisfied with the progress. Received an RFP (request for proposal), but no construction documents. The BOS determines contractors and professional services, and a term is granted. There is a need to “refresh” or a “response” and this will need to go to the BOS for a resolution in January.

Audrey said a 10x12 bronze plaque will be roughly \$850, or \$450 for a 4x6 plaque, and then a cost per character. If mounted they likely have that piece of granite or it could be set on concrete. Laura asked Audrey to compose the dedication and email it for the proposed plaque.

Invasive Plant removal: Laura sketched out on a map where we did vine removal and marked other areas where vine removal is needed. Laura said she hopes Casey takes on this project, creating a schedule to remove vines and revisit areas that have been worked on.

Robert said there is no CAD file of the park map.

John Bickhart trail projects: John did work on his maps and has things ready to scan for approval.

T-shirt and signage pricing:

Audrey got estimate from Screen Printing of West Chester. \$377.50 for 50 shirts, standard sizing, with one-color lettering. \$7.55/shirt. Laura said we would like to use money from our budget to buy shirts. Heide said she would work with Audrey for the verbiage and color selection.

Laura said two estimates were received for a banner to recruit volunteers, a 3x10 foot for \$270 by Compusign. Committee approved two color, simpler sign. Robert said info will be put on township website.

7. New Business

New committee member Heide Harper. Heide was thanked for being part of it, and said there was a lot of work to be done for the anniversary.

Community Day: Tina brought a proposed sponsorship schedule to solicit participation/donations for the event. Suggestions were made and she will edit and email to members to start using. She also said she will work on a Google shared doc so that committee members can sign up to contact area organizations/businesses for sponsorship, and offer a 10% discount by Feb. 14, 2023

Volunteer Day: Laura said this coming Saturday there will be garden work and maybe vine removal, and John will be submitting trail work proposals for approval.

Scout Project: John said the 12 appropriate Eagle Scout projects are ready, and has found that boys get the best experience when they reach out to the township and put together their own proposals. One project of the twelve ties in with the wetland evaluation coming up in mid-December, and would offer the appropriate amount of time, research, and working with the township to tie in with the Dallas Green trail. He has a scout in mind for the project.

Audrey asked if we want move bird or bat houses from her 4-H classroom project. Laura said a sign is also needed. Robert said bluebird boxes can go in to Blosser Property. The Pennsylvania Bluebird Society has a \$500 grant, and asked if the Township can submit it. Robert said yes.

8. **Adjournment:** 8:30 pm

