

September 21, 2022

Parks and Recreation Committee

Members present:

Laura Miller

John Bickhart

Guests:

Casey Groff (tree committee)

Patrick Joyce (tree committee)

Heide Harper (garden liaison)

Staff present:

Robert Weer, Assistant Township Manager

- 1. Call to order 7:10 pm**
- 2. Approval of agenda** as presented
- 3. No Guests present**
- 4. Approval of minutes** (JB corrected the caliber size of the trees to be 12" caliper instead of 12 feet caliper for the tree assessment proposal prepared by Brandywine Urban Forest.)

5. Park Report

Park: Robert said the playground mulch was completely removed and replaced with new playground mulch. He also said it should last for 6 years.

Dog Park- nothing

Garden: Heide said there were a couple of gardens that had been abandoned. She will let Robert know which ones they are so they can be mowed. Heide said thanks so much for mowing in between

the raised veggie beds! It was done in a timely manner! Heide asked if the compost bins could be weeded and asked that the compost was not removed from the compost bins. Gardeners have asked if they could have the same gardens next year as they presently have. Bob said yes, that would be fine. There was a suggestion to fill the weedy boxes with soil in November. Laura asked about the donation of a physically challenged garden box. Bob said he would look into it.

Financial Report: Bob brought the updated totals for the recreation fund and the capital repair fund. Bob said that \$1,575.00 was used for the engineering for the Goddard lot and subdivision. Laura asked about the contribution to the fee in lieu fund from the dog training center. Robert said the funds would be added once the agreement is final.

6. Old business

Update on grants: the trail connection and parking area for the Blosser parcel are in process but not complete.

Goddard Memorial Garden: no updates, still with township landscape architect Martha Strauss. Robert said she needs to create specs for materials, a plan with construction details for bidding.

Invasive Plant removal: Laura said that she and Casey are planning to walk the park to identify areas in need of invasive plant removal. Laura said a log would be started to record the removal process.

John Bickhart trail projects: the conversation focused on how to create a good trail map that would include bridge locations and names, as well as trail identification by name. This could help with

“Community risk reduction”. JB is working on shelf ready trail projects for volunteers/ scouts as well as township staff.

T-shirt and signage pricing:

Casey and Audrey are working on it.

Brandywine urban forest proposal:

Robert said “it’s in the proposed budget”

Laura asked if he could share the proposal with the committee so we could review it. Robert agreed.

7. New Business

Volunteer Day: ideas to increase volunteer base using vinyl signs that announce “Third Saturday 9-11:30” event.

Discussion surrounded signs and banners.

Patrick said he has a contact in the charter school that he could reach out to.

Budget for 2023: Nothing

Community Day: this was tabled until Tina could attend a meeting.

New Board Member: Three guests invited to consider appointment.

Scout Project: A suggestion was made that perhaps an eagle scout would take on the project of creating a map that identifies trails and bridges. This could be displayed in the kiosk as well as on the township web site.

8. Adjournment: 8:15 pm

