

March 15, 2023

Board Members:

Heide Harper
Laura Miller
Tina Skinner

Staff:

Shane Kinsey

Guests:

Steve Zurl, BOS
Maureen Hill
Owen Hill and Charlie Hill

Casey Groff

Ethan Groff, Boy Scout doing Citizenship merit badge

1. Call to order, 7pm

2. Approval of agenda

3. Recognition of guests

Owen looking for an Eagle Scout project.

Charlie working on a merit badge.

Ethan here for citizenship badge.

All from Troop 62

4. Approval of minutes for Feb. 15th

5. **Park Report:** Shane said he was instructed not to give a park report. Holes in fence have been addressed. Ongoing maintenance. There was another fire at the composting toilets — probably smoking materials. Were able to respond quickly and damage was limited. Mowing will be happening in the next couple of weeks. New soil will be delivered to the garden when the weather improves so that it is safe to deliver. Probably beginning of April. Heide asked to be alerted and Shane said he would ask Robert to do so. Heide asked when the in-ground plots will be roto-tilled, Shane said in April.

Dog Park: No solution for holes dug by dogs. Probably will close one side of dog park to seed for a month, then the other.

Veggie Garden: All raised beds accounted for, seven flat plots available. Heide visited Oxford garden that is operated for free community veggies, and delivered to identified in-need families. Shame said the township will mow anything that grows behind the garden bed.

6. **New Business:** Owen's Eagle Scout Project. Laura asked about the parameters. Owen said he wants to do something that would have use and would be needed. Heide said she wants more garden beds. Laura said location markers on the park trails would be helpful so people could call and report things with location ID in the park. Owen said one of his friends was doing something about mileage for the park. Shane confirmed that they are discussing this with

another scout. Shane suggested that maybe separate mileage and trail markers might be done collaboratively. Owen suggested a map. Casey mentioned trail improvements, but Laura said that the projects haven't been approved, and Shane said husband's run is up for two grants so it should be on hold. Previous bat houses rotted and fell, and signage was stolen.

Owen said he is good at learning computer skills and might help with Community Day and could organize manpower for the event.

Also, Scouts were invited to help with vine and invasive removals on third Saturdays.

Owen asked about painting mileage on paved walkways. Shane said it is a problem for maintenance, a problem when it has to be redone. Shane suggested metal plaques. Members of the committee noted that they would cost a lot and would be stolen/vandalized.

6. Old Business

Community Day. Heide said things focused on kids, like a moon bounce house, and things like that to get kids out.

Food trucks are challenging. Strawberry Festival in Coatesville cancelled because of lack of participation.

Steve said he doesn't think it is appropriate for the township to be "shaking down" businesses to participate and donate. Steve talked about how the Avondale anniversary event fell together, but many of the organizers and supporters are now gone, including the business association.

Laura suggested reaching out to Open Space Committee, Historic Committee,...

Steve asked for an email and said he will put together a list.

Steve suggested lots of potential sponsors, like the landfill, and suggested getting high school band out.

Laura offered to contact General Rental

Owen said he would talk to the marching band director at the High School. The athletic director might coordinate athletes to help. Also school clubs.

Maureen said she can reach out to Country Christmas coordinator to get the crafter's list. Maureen said sports teams and national honor society require volunteer hours. So there are lots of resources in the school.

Volunteer day Saturday 9-12. Laura mentioned JB trail amendment, but that will be put on hold. Casey will organize area. Meet at lower parking lot. Laura has a key to get into the shed.

Park Trail Assessment: John Bickhart absent. Laura said that John had worked hard on trail assessment, and the Natural Lands assessment of the wetlands, and Robert came and stated that the trail was going to be paved. Shane said the Natural Lands Trust assessment was fairly comprehensive, but the wooden plank trail they recommended was not conducive to use of strollers and bikes, or for maintenance. Shane said they get complaints about bridges being slippery, and they get calls about slip and falls. Pavement is maintenance free. Shane said that to save the tree on Husband's run, a macadam trail north of the tree, with a deep bed of crush and run to raise the trail and save the roots. Shane said there are no delineated wetlands in that

area. Laura said they were officially delineated on the plan. Shane said they are not officially designated. Shane said two grant applications have been submitted for relocation of the bridge and construction of the trail.

Goddard Memorial Garden: Shane presented plans from the Landscape Architect, that have gone before the BOS, with a change of location approved by the BOS. The Board was concerned relative to ongoing maintenance. The Board would like to see the plantings reduced to the woody trees for perennials. Shane said he has concerns about the ability to maintain a garden without additional costs. There are no staff to maintain. So mulch and herbicides is what is going to happen. Shane said "I had 20 or 30 comments on this myself. There is still work to be done on this." The Landscape Architect preferred the views of this new location.

Laura said the location chosen was because the Goddard's loved that area of the park. Laura said we can review it and get back to the Board.

Laura made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm