August 16, 2023 Minutes LGT Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Board Members Present:

Laura Miller Heide Harper Audrey Reith Tina Skinner

Casey Geoff

1. Call to Order: 7:05

2. Adoption of Agenda

approved

3. Approval of minutes

Heide has "asked that the garden plots which haven't been rented be mowed to eliminate the weeds", replace the present wording in the July minutes.

4. Park Report

Dawn presented a memo to the parks and recreation committee that outlines the following:

1. Projects at the park besides regular maintenance

The safety screen on the playground was damaged and a new one is on order. The three groves property has been mowed in preparation for the 300th anniversary celebration and will be mowed again prior to the event. (for parking)

2. Answers to questions presented to Ken Battin regarding the 300th celebration.

Funds raised from golf outing can be used as an overflow source for the 300th celebration if needed. This of course is based on a successful golf outing event.

The grant for 2500.00 is no longer a possibility for potential event funding.

3. Grant updates.

PECO Green region grant is being used for the level one assessment of trees for designated regions of Goddard Park, this was started in the beginning of august and should finish up at the end of the month.

The Dockstader grant awarded for 6000.00, township has yet to receive the grant, when received it is proposed to be used for the husbands run trail bridge.

4. Looking ahead

appointing a new garden liaison for 2024 season. update the masterplan for the park including JB" s trail work.

Garden:

Idea of creating a new garden liaison. Heide said she will email the gardeners. New liaison would not need to attend meetings and could provide a report. Laura shared a prefabricated raised bed from a catalog, made of recycled materials.

Grant updates from Memo.

5. 300th Anniversary

Need a list of volunteers.

Directing parking

Setup

Someone watching for handicapped/physically impaired.

Roping along state road to direct traffic

Cones at the intersection to slow traffic

Last time Avondale fire company donated sign to put up with traffic warning: Dave Connors working with Avondale?

6. Volunteer Day

When do we want to resume the third Saturday of the month?

Casey is discouraged because he is not able to follow up with herbicide application. We are only marginally effective, he said.

7. Budget

Last year \$20,000 for Memorial Garden

\$2,000 consultants

\$2,000 for volunteer recruitment/ signs and T-shirts

\$1,000 for vegetable garden maintenance

Discussion of plan for invasive removal. Budgeting for herbicide.

Dawn said a grant has been obtained to do a study of the trees.

Heide requested \$1,200 for 2 wooden raised beds, and a handicapped accessible garden bed. She said she would look into prefabricated garden boxes.

Proposed 2024 budget for the Parks and Recreation Committee.

\$1,500.00- invasive removal-application of herbicides

\$1,500.00- community garden -2 new raised beds, 1 handicap accessible garden bed.

\$2,000.00- volunteer recruitment.

Total requested is \$5,000.00

7. **Adjourned:** 8:20