

Minutes  
July 19, 2023  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

1. call to order 7:05
2. Agenda approved
3. Recognition of guests

Jim Fritch, and three associates of Register Associates and

High Media Laboratories representatives:

Tara D'Errico  
John D'Errico  
Rahul Warke

Board members:

Heide Harper  
John Bickhart  
Laura Miller  
Tina Skinner

Staff: Dawn Maciejczyk

4. Approval of minutes from last meeting

**Park Report:**

Dawn said she has nothing to report at this time

Community Garden, Heide said John provided loppers, but she doesn't think it is her job to lop the weeds from un-rented gardens and that they need to be mowed.

5. New Business:

**HiMedia Land Development.** James Frisch presented preliminary land development plan for site at 530 E. Baltimore Pike, approx. 8 acres with existing dwelling. HiMedia is proposing a 17,000 sq. Foot facility with future plans, to employ in office/warehouse/and research for four employees. Eventually 14 employees. Town engineer proposed: The applicants should discuss requirements for non-residential development required recreation lands or fees in lieu thereof.

Potential connections to township trail system. Currently no existing or proposed trails, only a bike route along Baltimore Pike. A sidewalk is recommended.

Asking us to waive recreational fees or sidewalk. There is no other sidewalk on the road.

John said there is a full bike lane, so a sidewalk would not be advantageous. Unanimous vote not to recommend sidewalk. Laura said they have a legitimate case that they will not increase

traffic, and recommended against requiring the fee in lieu. (\$1/sq foot is huge with a warehouse.) John said that he wasn't sure about giving up the fee in lieu of. Heide questioned why we would not honor a law. Laura and Dawn recommended a lower fee, perhaps. Tina recommended for the fee, but perhaps reduced. Conclusion — consider a reduced fee in lieu of, with no recommendation for recreational facilities or land. BOS will negotiate.

## **Budget for 2024**

Everything from budget was approved last year, for 2023

Dawn reviewed approved budget for 2023, and said that we have gone over budget of \$12,000 with park maintenance. She is not sure. Laura said that we did buy T-shirts, and requested money for garden maintenance.

2024 budget proposal is due for BOS by August 25

## **6. Old Business**

### **Community Day**

Heide talked to the sign maker and shared his samples.

\$17/sign for 25 two-sided signs with wires

Dawn said the library did story time at the park for the 2019 park event, with high school volunteers to read stories.

Dawn said that we might be able to get permission to park at the High School in case the corner lot is too small. People complained about the hills they had to walk. Handicapped or elderly parking might be made available.

Reviewed action list and added new ideas

Laura reviewed a map of the park