

June 26, 2024 Minutes

LGT Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Board Members Present:

Laura Miller
Heide Harper
John Bickart
Casey Groff
Tina Skinner

Staff

No staff
No guests

1. Call to Order: 7:08

2. Adoption of Agenda

Laura added that Cindy and Russ Losco want to donate a tree in memory of Sylvia Green and care for it on the Dallas Green Way.

Approved

3. No guests

4. Approval of minutes

approved

5. Park Report:

No park or dog park report

Community Garden — Heide said people are losing entire plants all at once. It is a mystery. Maybe birds?

6. Old Business

Goddard Memorial Garden: Laura said that some plants in the Memorial Garden are getting trampled. Heide asked about the hose and could we get a new one paid for by the friends of the Memorial Garden and the community garden as a shared expense. Laura said she hasn't seen the budget and how much is remaining after building the Memorial Garden. She said the Community Garden still has money.

Laura pointed out that we are now in a serious drought. A watering schedule has been organized, but Laura has been watering more.

A dedication is planned, possibly August 16th in the afternoon, maybe 2 pm. It was approved.

She said it would be nice to get Eric Schott involved and will ask him to speak. He knew the Goddard's and the history. Maybe Marna's sister can cut the ribbon.

We will need to set up a schedule for ongoing care, weeding. And we need edging because the mulch is getting scattered all over the place. She will ask if public works will install.

She said either deer or rabbits are coming in and trampling on everything. Plants are being pulled out — typical of deer — so we may need to spray for deer until the plants are established.

A plaque is being prepared for the garden to honor the donors, but won't be ready in time for the ribbon cutting. Tina said some kind of poster should be present for the event in case we get publicity.

Volunteer Day

Laura suggested some trail work get done. John said yes. July 20th 10 am-noon. Laura said a volunteer to put the banner up the Monday before would be helpful. John said he would. We have meeting that Wednesday, the 17th.

Laura said new tires were needed for the park wheelbarrow

Bridges

Dawn was going to run the idea of naming the bridges past Shane. John said names would be fine, but a simple number is important and memorable.

7. New Business

Grant updates

Dawn not present to talk about it

BOS Meeting

Dawn not present to talk about it

Trunk & Treat

A fall event at Goddard or the golf course where people would give treats for the children. Laura asked if we are still interested in doing this. The idea originated with Dawn. Heide said it should be at the park and members concurred.

Budget 2025

Need to come up with a budget by August 5th

Laura said she could send the budget to us and we could ask Dawn to give us an update on the 2024 budget and how much we have spent. Laura said it's usually around \$5000

Laura said maybe we can use it for tires, edging. Casey suggested trail improvement supplies. John said we could use wood chips in some areas.

Laura asked for suggestions for expenditures.

Casey asked if we do any plantings. He pointed out that in 10 years all the beech will be gone — there is a beech leaf disease here now. He suggested we be pro-active. Laura asked what we should do. She said the township is trying to hire someone for phase three for the park. This might be something that should be added into the plan. Casey suggested one tree a year.

Casey said Pat Joyce is still interested in serving on the committee. He suggested that he and other professionals are ready to step up if asked.

8. Adjourned: 7:52

