

May 15, 2024 Minutes

LGT Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Board Members Present:

Laura Miller
Heide Harper
John Bickart
Tina Skinner

Staff

Dawn Maciejczyk

Guests:

David Payne, Avon Grove Library Director

1. Call to Order: 7:06

2. Adoption of Agenda adopted

3. Approval of minutes approved

4. Recognition of Guest

David Payne brought a project to the committee and township to benefit the local community and use of the parks. He said he has been trying to find a way to like the library to the parks that provide funding. The library will loan backpacks with nature guides, compass, collection jars, etc. and most importantly a map for each park to help encourage people to go out and discover the local parks. This is already in the works, and he is mostly asking essentially what the townships would like included in the kits. John said he loves the idea, that he has been trying to do a similar thing with his grandchildren. He said it will be on the library website, and Dawn said we can add it to the township website too. It will come in time for summer. Dawn asked how many copies of the map they need. David said 50-100 would be a good start. Also Franklin, Penn, New London townships and they are on board.

5. Park Report

Park Report: Dawn said the upper field by the dog park will be mowed to allow for paving and the trail. That should be in June. Laura said the batteries are going bad in the bathrooms. This was discussed at the 501C3 meeting. They are supposed to recharge with the sun and are not holding up.

Dog Park nothing new

Garden Report: Email from Mary. The plant sale produced \$87, and there is an empty plot so Mary is putting the leftover plants there. Steve Hill and Audrey Reith may help with repair of the boxes. Extra soil was delivered and Mary will let the gardeners know it is there. \$1500 budget was planned for the community garden, and roughly \$780.10 remains for this year.

Laura brought agreement that gardeners sign for Kennett Community Garden, requiring participation in annual volunteer days. She said people should be participating. Heide said that's been her vision all along.

6. Old Business

Plant sale recap and community garden volunteer day: Laura said that the sale went as well as expected. Maybe putting a sign at the park entrance would generate more interest. Dawn said the 501c3 discussed getting an electronic sign to announce events at the park. Not sure about the cost, but there could be a grant for it. It could be used to make other township announcements, and would be mobile.

Goddard Memorial Garden: She asked about the plants for the Memorial Garden. Laura said she sent the list of plants to Dawn today, who shared it with Ken. An account will be set up from the 501c3 and it can be paid for from there. Laura said she can pick up the plants at the nursery. Mary will ask if any gardeners want to help with the planting. Laura said we will not have them in time for this Saturday's volunteer day. Marna Goddard's sister will visit this summer or fall, so some form of ribbon cutting ceremony will take place and a plaque will be installed to thank all the donors. Laura said mulch may be the last thing we need.

7. New Business

Grant updates: Dawn said they are hoping to hear something by the end of May from DCNR. Dawn said that they've been told most people are denied the first time around.

501c3: A new brochure was created about the London Grove Friends of the Park to generate interest, volunteers, and donors. Dawn created the pamphlet

BOS Meeting: A Pickel ball courts petition was presented to the BOS at the last meeting. There was talk of asking if the Middle School would do a partnership with the existing tennis courts. BOS suggested adding it to the master plan, maybe by the lower parking lot. About 14 signatures on the petition. Tina suggested a letter to all the signatories to get involved in helping to plan and fund-raise for the creation of the courts.

Bridges: Shane had the idea to name the bridges. John rode around noting the mileage signs and name of the trails. As you are walking by and riding your bicycle it is difficult to remember the name of the trail but he thinks it would be easier to remember a number. John also wondered if this might be confusing with the mileage numbers. They should be clearly labeled "Bridge #". Dawn said she'll bring suggestions back to Shane and Ken. There are five bridges, with hopes of a sixth crossing to the Goddard property. Dawn said they are considering three different possible sites for the crossing.

New Parks and Rec Committee Member: Casey Groff is new member, appointed at the last BOS meeting.

8. Adjourned: 8:08