

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

November 9, 2023 – 6 PM
Borough Hall – Council Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** was called to order at 6:06 PM by Sue Yenchko, Chair. In attendance were Sue Yenchko, Rebecca Coleman, Judy McAlister, John Leverentz, Sharon Hernley, and Jenn Erickson*.
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. **Minutes** of the September 14, 2023 meeting were presented. On a Coleman/Yenchko motion, the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Old Business** –
 5. **Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan Work Plan (CRPOS)** Mrs. Coleman gave an update on the Plan. The Study Committee met and reviewed the latest Plan DRAFT which was submitted on August 31st. Committee members still found significant errors and omissions. Ms Seibert and Mrs Coleman did a phone consult with Heather from Pashek Consultants. The committee decided to rework the Plan to follow the Scope of Work in the RFP using volunteer labor.
 6. **Update on Dolbin Sculpture** – Ms. Yenchko reported that the River Spirit sculpture was bought by a group building a new museum in Wrightsville. Sculptor, Steve Dolbin, has promised donating a sculpture for Negley Park that resembles a totem Pole that features petroglyphs found from various tribes. It would be a vertical sculpture having a center core steel base with attached round plaques each featuring a different petroglyph. We will ask him to use any characters specifically found in the Susquehanna River Basin area. There will be a poured concrete foundation and an explanatory pedestal nearby.
 7. **Dogs in Lemoyne Parks (off leash) – New Signage – Mrs. Coleman** She suggested that we use red or green coroplast as a base for the “No dogs off leash” signs. She will provide options for the signs at the next meeting.
 8. **Market the Borough as a Livable Community (Strategic Plan)** There was no update.
 9. **Pool Concerns - Budget** – The West Shore Recreation Commission developed the pool budget since they run the summer pool program, so the discussion centered on people’s behavior at the pool. Ms. Hernley who is a season pass holder spoke about the disruptions that are caused by some people’s behavior. Specifically the throwing of footballs becomes unruly and the discussion then covered if the rules were strict enough to keep people safe there. Mr Leverentz will look into what rules govern the pool and who makes those rules.
10. **New Business**
 11. **Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Leverentz** He mentioned that several trees were bought and planted as street trees by the Commission. Trees for the parks are a separate category and he would like to seek grant funding for more trees for Lemoyne. He will keep us updated on possible future funding.
 12. **A Thank You to Rebecca Yearick** – Ms. Yenchko stated that even though Ms. Yearick wasn’t in attendance at this meeting, the Borough and the Committee were VERY grateful for all of the advice, commentary and notices she has provided over the last several years. A huge THANK YOU was agreed upon by those in attendance.
 13. **Other Business?** There was none.
 14. **Next Meeting – January 11, 2024 @ 6 PM**
 15. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned on a Coleman/Yenchko motion at 8:00 PM

*ZOOM attendee