

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

January 11, 2024 – 6 PM
Borough Hall – Council Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** was called to order at 6:08 PM by Sue Yenchko, Chair. In attendance were Sue Yenchko, Rebecca Coleman, Gale Gallo, Judy McAlister*, John Leverentz, Gene Koontz, Cayly Jones*, Amanda Seibert and Jenn Erickson*.
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. **Minutes** of the November 9, 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. Following a phone consult with Heather from Pashek, the committee decided to rework the Plan to follow the Scope of Work in the RFP and adding missing demographic information using volunteer labor. Two Study Committee members will meet next week with the volunteer and Ms. Yenchko to get the Plan ready ASAP for Council hearing and approval and DCNR approval by the end of May. Until we get DCNR's approval we cannot begin applying for grants to actually implement the plan.
 6. **Update on Dolbin Sculpture** – Ms. Yenchko reported since the River Spirit sculpture was bought by a group building a new museum in Wrightsville, sculptor, Steve Dolbin, promised donating a sculpture to Lemoyne that resembles a totem Pole featuring petroglyphs from indigenous tribes. Residents attending the meeting noted it will be a vertical sculpture having a center core steel base with attached round plaques each featuring a different petroglyph that there could be a safety hazard with the figures extending outward. Concern was also expressed that the center core when rusted could attract initials being scratched into the steel. We asked Mr. Dolbin to use petroglyphs specifically found in the Susquehanna River Basin area. Mr. Dolbin won't be able to work on our sculpture until March (Spring Break). This sculpture might fit better in Memorial Park given that was the site of the Susquehannock tribe in the 1500's
 7. **Dogs in Lemoyne Parks (off leash) – New Signage** – Mrs. Coleman suggested that we use low cost, corrugated, red or green coroplast signs as temporary "No dogs off leash" signs. The signs could last until we are ready to coordinate new park signage stemming from the new Parks Plan. It was suggested that we put in the Spring Newsletter an article explaining the reason for the signs.
 8. **Market the Borough as a Livable Community (from 'Imagine West Shore')** – Marketing our community could include having coordinated sales days, promoting 'types' of businesses found in Lemoyne (car services, restaurants, specialty stores). If the Lemoyne Business Association would revitalize, they would be the right group to plan such events and we could advertise their activities in our semi-annual newsletter. Ms. Gallo will approach a marketing firm to see if they would be interested in regenerating the LBA.
9. **New Business**
 10. **Archiving Materials** – It was noted by Ms. Yenchko that some preliminary workups of the Fort Couch memorial were found in a file in the Maintenance Department that might more appropriately be kept in a safe Archive. There are probably other "treasures" hidden away in obscure places. Discussion centered on having a safe but accessible place for archival material in the borough office...somewhere. Mr. Koontz and Mr. Leverentz mentioned some valuable old materials and maps (1946) found in the conference room that might lend themselves to a display in the borough building. They received the "go ahead" to sort through potential items that might be of interest to the public.
 11. **Other Business?** There was none.
 12. **Next Meeting – February 8, 2024 @ 6 PM**
 13. **Adjournment**

*Attended by ZOOM