

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

January 12, 2023

Borough Hall – Council Meeting Room

1. The meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** was called to order at 6:03PM by Sue Yenchko, Chair. In attendance were Sue Yenchko, Rebecca Coleman, Mike Kostukovich, John Leverentz, Judy McAlister*, Ed Dix,* Cindy Foster*, and Jenn Erickson*. (*on Zoom)
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. **Minutes** of the November 10, 2022 meeting was presented. On a Coleman/Kostukovich motion, the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Old Business** –
 - A. **Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan Work Plan (CRPOS)** – R. Coleman – Ms. Foster noted that the updated copy of the DRAFT will be circulated when she receives it from Ms. Cuyler. It will be posted on the Lemoynepa.com website and public comment will be accepted. A question arose: Did N/S RR make any commitment for a bike trail after negotiating for the purchase of the corner of Memorial Park? Ms. McAlister, who was on Council at that time will research the question.
 - B. **Shade Tree Commission** – John Leverentz – Mr. Leverentz reported that the STC is working on a comprehensive plan. The Third St. Corridor was discussed and it was noted that no engineering plan is in place yet pending PennDOT's plan for the Third St. Exit from I-83. A conceptual drawing from 2008 (?) from Kairos Design Group was used for an estimate of work needing to be done, but any final decisions would require a formal engineering plan and grant funding (such as TASA) from appropriate agencies.
 - C. **Susquehannock Dig Artifacts: Display Details** – S. Yenchko – The following updates were discussed: The display background will be of the river and smaller, individual pictures will be placed by the relevant artifacts; Waiting for PHMC placement diagram and descriptions; UV filtering material will be placed over the glass doorway; Handout brochure will be designed and made available as a takeaway; A formal "opening" will be before a Council meeting at 5:30 probably in March; PHMC, W.S. Historical Society, Andrew Wyatt will be invited to participate; Kari Hultman will help with display cards and descriptions; Local schools will be contacted for teacher/class participation; Homeschoolers are interested in a tour of the borough building and can be invited to attend the opening.
 - D. **Market the Borough as a Livable Community (Strategic Plan) Discussion** – Mr. Kostukovich explained that many factors would have to be considered first such as: basic inventory of businesses (who are they, what product/service do they offer?); a map of business locations; parking available; Ease of access to businesses; visual quality (façade improvements needed?)...grants available; safe crosswalks, etc. What community events can be planned to raise community spirit? Outdoor movies? (which have been tried but found a limited attendance). A good beginning would be to access business data through a program such as "DataAxel".
- E. **5. New Business** –
 - A. **America's 250th Anniversary** – Ms. Yenchko observed that there is a plan for PA to celebrate the 250th anniversary (in 2026) of the founding of the USA. It is called "America250PA". A Commission was created in 2018 to begin the planning process to engage all 67 counties in the celebration. Will check with the W. S Historical Society for any thoughts for local celebrations.
6. **Public Comment** – Question about moving ahead with having the Lemoyne logo painted in the wall in Council chambers.
7. **Next Meeting** – February 9, 2023 @ 6 PM
8. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned on a Kostukovich/Coleman motion at 7:00 PM.