

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

November 12, 2020 – MINUTES

1. The meeting of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE was called to order via Zoom at 6:04 PM by Sue Yenchko, Chair. In attendance were Kasha Griva, Rebecca Coleman, Joe Gargiulo, John Leverentz, Rebecca Yearick, Bob Rapak, Judy McAlister, Kathy Costible, Steve Spangler, Gaylon Morris, Jenn Erickson and Cindy Foster, Borough Manager.
2. **Public Comment** – Kathy Costible stated she was on the call to hear more about the Negley Park tree issue.
3. **Minutes** of the September 10, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously by a Griva/Coleman motion.
4. **Old Business** –
 - A. **Community Survey Project – Neighborhood Review** – The review continued with #'s 24 through 27 of the 2019 Community Survey. The subject was potential sharing of staff, services or amenities with neighboring municipalities. #25 - Fire and Police services are already shared with Wormleysburg. Sharing staff could be difficult with setting priorities for work to get done. Possibly, there could be an outreach to New Cumberland regarding police services and maybe code services. However, there could be insurance and worker's compensation issues that could arise from sharing staff. #26 – We could borrow/rent certain machines (such as paving) to lower our costs instead of buying certain machines. #27- It was noted that all 5 neighborhoods would want the borough to pay for funding such borrowing with no tax increases.
 - B. **Aesthetic Overlay** - Third Street Possibilities (Meeting not scheduled due to COVID-19 considerations.)
 - C. **Memorial Park Walk – Findings.** From the walk on 9-30-20, there were 19 findings. 8 of them have already been corrected by our Maintenance Department and some of the 11 left will have to wait for warmer weather to correct. Kudos offered to the Maintenance Department for quick remediation.
 - D. **Walk at Negley Park** - Borough Manager, Cindy Foster, noted that Rettew Engineers were hoping to complete an exact survey of Lemoyne's boundaries in the park by year end. Ms. Yenchko opened the discussion with the park's history as a visual vantage point in Lemoyne to the river, and the cityscape. Trees planted without regard for their location, which have grown to obliterate the view, and trees planted that are weak and inappropriate (flowering pear trees) were the main subject of discussion. Looking ahead to changing climate for hardwood trees is another thing to be considered for the future. Mr. Rapak addressed his concern regarding stormwater runoff and erosion. Ms. Griva spoke on stormwater, tree non-performance and native plants needed for proper water uptake. Mr. Leverentz, Chair of the Shade Tree Commission, spoke about the trees designated to be removed, and that it is a question of if Lemoyne wants the view preserved. Mr. Morris noted 1) that people just weren't aware of what was going on with the park, 2) that many people walked each day in the park, and 3) that perhaps the beauty of the park could be enhanced incrementally. Ms. Coleman asked if there were more innovative ways to communicate with residents about current issues.
 - E. **Compost Facility – Update** – Ms. Foster had a phone survey done of neighboring municipalities to see if they would take yard waste for composting from Lemoyne residents. None would do that. Lower Allen asked us to talk about this later next year to perhaps collaborate.
5. **New Business** –
 - A. **Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan Work Plan (CRPOS)– Scope of Work**
See attached Summary of the purpose of a Study Committee and their input into the Scope of Work for the upcoming RFP to find a consulting firm to do the CRPOS plan for us. We must have it ready by the end of the year. Since the Committee is small, certain categories should be represented as should all 5 neighborhoods. Those interested in working of this committee should contact Ms. Cindy Foster ASAP.
6. **Other Business ?** There was none.
7. **Public Comment** - There was no additional comment.
8. **Next Meeting – December 10, 2020 @ 6 PM (could be in the Community Room or still possibly by ZOOM. Stay tuned.)**
9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned on a Griva/Coleman motion at 8:20PM.