

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

December 10, 2020 – MINUTES

1. The meeting of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE was called to order via Zoom at 6:05 PM by Sue Yenchko, Chair. In attendance were Kasha Griva, Rebecca Coleman, John Leverentz, Rebecca Yearick, Judy McAlister, Gene Koontz, Steve Spangler, Gaylon Morris, Marsha Everson, Jack Stover, and Cindy Foster, Borough Manager.
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. **Minutes** of the November 12, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously by a Griva/Coleman motion.
4. **Old Business** –
 - A. **Community Survey Project – Neighborhood Review** – The review continued with #'s 28 through 31 of the 2019 Community Survey. The subject was #28 Opportunities for Arts and Culture in Lemoyne. #29, Recurring suggestions through all 5 neighborhoods included: 1) Art classes and shows and public art, 2) Nature walks and talks (outdoor activities!), 3) Community gatherings (block parties?), 4) Organized games in the parks, 5) Food truck events and events like Smoke in the Park, 6) Outdoor fitness classes, 7) Senior activities. 8) Movies in the park, 9) Promotion of Lemoyne's history (Memorial Park's Susquehannock Village from the 1500's – Historic Marker) and buildings. It was suggested that smaller events be advertised better (through more comprehensive e-mail list, LemoynePA website, Facebook page, etc). #30, Top 3 events mentioned most frequently in all 5 neighborhoods included: Public art (ex. Murals), Rehab of historic places & events (LMS and Memorial Park history), and Events (concerts, etc.) #31, It was noted that all 5 neighborhoods would want the borough to pay for funding with tax increases or PPP's (public private partnerships). Also suggested was setting up 'Q Codes' for phone scanning to tell the story about historic places, buildings, locations.
 - B. **Aesthetic Overlay** - Third Street Possibilities (Meeting not scheduled due to COVID-19 considerations.)
 - C. **Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan Work Plan** – A Study Committee will be co-chaired by Council Members Rebecca Coleman and Kasha Griva and will consist of 9 volunteers who will work with borough staff to complete the Scope of Work for the RFP to be sent out early next year to possible consultants. The group will also follow the study as it progresses. The following volunteers will be appointed to the Study Group: John Bellem, Gene Koontz, John Leverentz, Gaylon Morris, Jessica Orndorf, Rev. Jason Schwartzman, Shirley Stark, Lisa Trogner and Michael Young. They will meet to organize before the end of the year.
 - D. **Walk Plaques for Children's Statue and Cow** – Ms. Yenchko received pricing from Lemoyne business CROWN TROPHY for two plaques to be affixed to the two art works in Negley Park. A 3" x 5" bronze casting for the Children's Statue donated by the Verner Family will cost \$129. A 4" X 9" bronze casting for the Cow Parade Statue (to be placed next spring) will cost \$172. The cow was donated by Mary Webber and Tim Weston. Shipping will cost approximately \$30 for a total of \$331. Ms. Everson kindly volunteered to cover the cost of the plaque for the cow statue.
 - E. **Negley Park** - **a) Survey progress** – Rettew Engineering has been conducting the survey of the boundaries of the park, has done the preliminary work and hopes to have the survey completed by the end of December. **b) Tennis Court Gates** – After discussion of misuse of the courts due to the gates being left open and the locks being stolen, a decision was made to return to a key lock system. In 2021, only those who pay for court keys will be issued the keys. After use of the courts, keyholders will be responsible for relocking the gates. **c) Final inspection of the Upper Pavilion** – An order has been placed with the company, Approved Code, for the final inspection, after which the tables/benches will be replaced (which are currently stored on the basketball court).
 - F. **Historical Marker – Dedication Date?** Due to the PHMC's latest recommendations on COVID-19's Best Practices (regarding limits on size of gatherings and other spacing and health protocols) the date of Sunday, June 13 @ 2PM was chosen for dedication of the PHMC's Historical Marker to be placed at Memorial Park commemorating the 1500's Susquehannock Village that was located there.
5. **New Business** –
 - A. **Lemoyne Mural- Grounds Maintenance** – Discussion centered on the weeds and grass that grows in front of "The Lemoyne Passage Mural" now and during the growing season. The weeds and tall grass detract from the beauty of the mural. It is to be maintained by PennDOT but has not been well kept. Ms. Foster noted that Mr. Karlson will discuss this problem with a contact at PennDOT and report back to the committee.
6. **Other Business ?** There was none.
7. **Public Comment** - There was no additional comment.
8. **Next Meeting – January 14, 2021 @ 6 PM** (still probably ZOOM. Stay tuned.)
9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned on a Griva/Coleman motion at 7:44PM.