

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

March 10, 2022

Borough Hall – Council Meeting Room

1. The meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** was called to order at 6:03 PM by Sue Yenchko, Chair. In attendance were Rebecca Coleman*, Kasha Griva, Rebecca Yearick, Judy McAlister, John Leverentz, Daniel Finch, Lisa Kelly, Cindy Foster, and Jenn Erickson* (*on Zoom).
2. **Public Comment** – There was none.
3. **Minutes** of the February 10, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously following a Griva/ Coleman motion.
4. **Old Business –**
Two items were brought forward for discussion first: See 5. A. Flag Rugby Proposal and 4.H Messiah Mural Program Proposal
 - A. **Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan Work Plan (CRPOS)** –The February 15 meeting was via ZOOM. A proposed first draft of a plan for Negley Park was discussed. It included redirection of traffic flow, moving children’s playground space, more swings around the park and a new grove of trees onto the current baseball field along with open space for concerts or tents for festivals. The draft plan envisions only one baseball field for Lemoyne due to light demand and that would be the Memorial Park field. The Parks survey will continue and doorhangers were distributed on the south side of town to solicit more suggestions via survey regarding parks and open space uses in the Memorial Park area. The committee meets on the third Tuesday.
 - B. **Third Street Streetscape** – Tabled.
 - C. **Social Media, Borough Seal, Borough Materials – Discussion** Mrs. Coleman suggested tabling discussion until next meeting.
 - D. **Signage (Parks, Wayfinding, Hours, etc.)** Tabled.
 - E. **Review of Park Ordinances** –The Borough Solicitor’s marked up ordinance was discussed and with a few changes was forwarded back to the Solicitor and to the Z&O Committee.
 - F. **Susquehannock Dig Artifacts: On Loan?** The next step in applying for loan of artifacts from the Memorial Park dig was to provide the PA Historical and Museum Commission with the Purpose and Term of the loan (two years). A draft was approved by the Committee to be put on Lemoyne letterhead and sent in to Janet Johnson at the PHMC.
 - G. **Petroglyph Sculpture Proposal** – Tabled until a site visit in early May.
 - H. **Messiah Mural Program Proposal** – Artist Daniel Finch, Messiah University professor, proposed a class and curriculum for spring 2023 teaching students Community Mural Design, Negotiation and Implementation. Stating that community murals are very much in demand, the course would include speaking with public officials, understanding how to negotiate with private building/site owners, the design process and implementing the design. He proposed partnering with Lemoyne to do one mural per year under this program. Funding would have to be raised for each project.
Discussion also followed about The Lemoyne Passage Mural status, finding a site and replicating the mural before it is buried during the South Bridge Project. Also discussed was the idea of using various elements from the mural as designs for park signs. It was noted that the current mural needs to be cleaned and sealed this spring/summer.
5. **New Business –**
 - A. **Flag Rugby Proposal** – Lisa Kelly, Program Manager for PA discussed the **Girl’s Flag** (non contact) **Rugby** sport that is looking for West Shore places to play and to recruit girls from 2nd grade through 8th. There is one practice each week and games on Sunday afternoon. There are 20 girls in each club (similar ages together), and there is a fee for uniforms and a rugby ball. They’d like to start next fall and there is no regulation-sized field (50 yard field needed) so possibly Memorial Park would suit. The program’s goals are to empower girls to participate in a positive, healthy group activity.
 - B. **8th Annual Great Play Giveaway Contest** – John Leverentz mentioned this opportunity to win a \$30,000 children’s playground set and Mrs. Griva mentioned that she sent in an application already! A decision will be made in May. Our fingers are crossed for her to win.
 - C. **Flagpole and Scoreboard Status in 2 Parks?** – Discussion centered on a proposal 2 years ago from Justin Gift to raise money to build a stone wall, a flagpole and scoreboard for Cawthorn Field. There is an account at the West Shore Historical Society set up for donations for this project when funds are raised.
6. **Other Business** – It was noted that invasive Bradford Pear trees are no longer acceptable for park planting and should be removed wherever possible.
7. **Next Meeting - April 14, 2022 @ 6 PM**
8. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned on a Griva/Coleman motion at 7:55 PM.