

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

## MEETING on March 12, 2020 – MINUTES

1. The meeting of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE was called to order at 6:04 PM by Sue Yenchko. In attendance were Kasha Griva, Rebecca Coleman, Bob Huggler, John Leverentz, Rebecca Yearick, Delina Zook, Judy McAlister, Gene Koontz and Cindy Foster, Borough Manager.

2. **Public Comment-** There was none.

3. **Minutes** of the February 13, 2019 meeting were approved as amended, adding Judy McAlister's name to the roster of those who attended the meeting, passing unanimously by a Griva/Coleman motion.

4. **Old Business –**

- A. Update on PA Historic Marker –** Andrew Wyatt, the writer of Lemoyne's application for an Historic Marker, received a March 5<sup>th</sup> letter advising that the PA Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC) has approved the nomination for the Lemoyne Archeological Site marker at Memorial Park. We will work with the PHMC on the final text, production and dedication of the marker. The marker will recognize the historic importance of the Susquehannock Village that was located in the area which now is Lemoyne. Suggested were special signs showing location of the longhouse, as well as other culturally sensitive, educational games, art (using images from the Lemoyne Mural) and perhaps related structures. We would like to have some of the artifacts from the "dig" available for permanent display in Borough Hall. This would have to be done through the PHMC and inquiries have been made.
- B. Community Survey Project –** Discussion again centered around the key points made by "Neighborhoods" and the following topics were:
- Updating facades, remarking crosswalks for better driver visibility, and dealing with "trash" both along the roadways and in the areas behind residences in the smaller streets.
  - Drugs in the parks and in the borough (when this activity is viewed by citizens, the police dispatcher should be called at 717-238-9676.)(911 should NOT be called!) The Committee will be inviting Chief Hope to our next meeting to discuss this issue.
  - Providing/marking walking trails including exploring the CAT Bridge and the area in the back of Memorial Park...(connecting to New Cumberland?) as potential walkways.
  - Checking whether an ordinance is needed regarding half-way houses in the borough...are they also covered under Rental Inspection?
  - Providing more wellness/fitness opportunities for adults (noted that there are some "free" opportunities at at least one local establishment)
  - Using Lemoyne's Conservation Area (Frasier Park) as dumping area for leaves, branches, etc. (it is illegal to do that in ANY park) Possible dog park?? Or community/activity gathering place?
  - Using social media better to get the word out about activities, gatherings and programs in Lemoyne
- C. Aesthetic Overlay -** We are still waiting for responses of availability from business owners along Third Street to ascertain their interest in upgrading that business district in Lemoyne. We'd like to hold the meeting in late March or early April.
- D. Walking tour of Negley Park –** The Committee and anyone else who would like to join the tour can meet at the observation deck at Negley on Tuesday, March 17 at 1 PM
- E. Community Non-Profits (N-P) in Lemoyne –**Ms. Foster will collect the several lists that are around and post them on the Lemoyne website for all Lemoyners to know what services are available.
- F. Lemoyne Youth Initiative –** Ms. Griva, Mr. Leverentz and Mr. Koontz noted that many of the youth non-profit sports organizations that used to exist have merged, and there are fewer Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations.

- G. Mural Maintenance and Uplighting - As a follow-up to last month's meeting, Ms. Yenchko met with Andy Rebuck, LAMAR, to get some information on the best type of lighting, cost of installation, upkeep and annual cost for electricity. He offered some assistance with this information. A memo was also sent to PennDOT asking about the viability of doing such lighting and what regulations would be applicable to such a project.

## 5. New Business

- A. Ms. Foster noted that Larry Means who has constructed two "**Little Free Libraries**", is working on a third one. She asked the committee to think about a potential location for the third one.
- B. DCED is offering free **Technical Assistance for Community Planning** in the following areas: Land Use, Revitalization, Preservation and Infrastructure. The committee would like to take advantage of this offer at our May meeting. Ms. Foster will contact the Governor's Center for Local Gov't. Services to make that arrangement.
- C. **Zoning Hearing Board?** – Question arose whether the ZHB existed due to state law and could Council just do that function. Ms. Foster explained that the Municipalities Planning Code requires that a ZHB exist.
- D. Regarding where the boundary is for Negley Park, the pins designating the boundaries could not be located. Hopefully the Parks Master Plan Study will be able to provide that information.
- E. Question arose whether we should pursue advertising a listing of all businesses in Lemoyne either on the website or in some other manner. With hundreds of businesses in Lemoyne, keeping such a list accurate and up-to-date would be a very time-consuming job. Staff will begin with outreach to the West Shore and State Street Plazas and supplement information with Rebecca Yearick's monthly report. Committee members are asked to assist with monitoring to keep the information current.

6. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.

7. **Next Meeting – April 9, 2020 @ 6 PM** (Check for the possibility of cancellation due to the virus situation)

10. **Adjournment** – 8:18 PM