

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING on November 14, 2019 – MINUTES

1. The meeting of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE was called to order at 6:01 PM by Sue Yenchko. In attendance were Kasha Griva, Joe Gargiulo, Judy McAlister, Rick Stark, Bob Huggler, John Leverance, Marita Kelley, Rebecca Yearick, Loly Kinney and Cindy Foster, Borough Manager..

2. Public Comment – *Rick Stark* noted that the MS4 Coordinator, Joe, is keeping the rain gardens in better shape as he continues to learn more about the care and maintenance of these special features. He has been talking with Shirley Stark and Liz Letcavage about caring for the native plants and the rain garden functions in general. Cliff Carlson has been involved in the continuing discussions. Mr. Stark also inquired about the status of Lemoyne's Christmas decorations. Ms. Foster noted that the borough would be putting up the remaining repaired Christmas decorations this year, and that there is money in the budget to purchase new decorations for next winter season!

Rebecca Yearick from the C.C. Redevelopment Authority noted that the Penn Cumberland Garden Club was contacted to see if a Master Gardener would be willing to be paid to maintain the borough's rain gardens and the response was "probably unlikely" but they would share the information with their members.

John Leverance mentioned that originally there were a group of people who 'adopted' various pots along Market Street...and that while some of the original adopters still work at maintaining the pots, many no longer are active. He also expressed concern about the condition of Negley Park which is looking worn, overgrown and somewhat rundown. There is a need to stay up with the growth of the trees and bushes (keeping them trimmed and in order) so that the value of the view from there isn't totally lost. Discussion followed regarding the tree growth which is also restricting the view, on the steep hill below the park and the need for professional tree workers to trim them to keep the view. The proposed Parks Master Plan Study should give guidance on how best to deal with this issue.

3. Minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously by a Griva/Gargiulo motion.

4. Guest Speaker – Marita Kelley, DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) Central Regional Manager, spoke about the following opportunities that are tied to DCED's various programs:

- Recommendations that came from the STMP (Strategic Management Planning Program) Plan (recently completed for the borough) could have some of them potentially funded through DCED.
- The Keystone Communities Program can offer grant funding for municipal planning (Municipal Assistance Program ((MAP))), façade improvements (in non-historic districts), curb and sidewalk improvements, redevelopment (possibly for the Middle School project?), etc. August 31st is the deadline for applications to be submitted.
- Other public improvements through a multi-modal grant.
- Small sewer and other grants through the CFA (Commonwealth Financing Agency).
- C2P2 (Community Conservation/Parks Partnership) Program funds could be tapped after we complete our Strategic Plan for Parks (in 2020).
- Neighborhood Assistance Program has a 50-50 match and tax credits available for improvements to a place, and can be used to remove blight, deal with opiate addiction, housing development (Neighborhood Partnership Program), and the Charitable food Program (including kitchen, food pantry, backpack programs). Deadline for applications is December 20 of every year.
- Guidelines for all of these programs are at - DCED.PA.GOV

5. Old Business –

- A. **Community Survey Project** – Discussion centered around the priorities in the survey, linkages to the survey, prospective actions on parks, safety, the 3rd Street corridor, trails and accessibility, Act 13 funding

for the Land Partnership study and how these efforts can be integrated into the current Comprehensive Plan.

- B. **PA Historical Marker and the National Register of Historic Places Marker** – The application for the PA Historic Marker is being worked on by Andrew Wyatt. And the deadline is 12/1/2019.
- C. **Aesthetic Overlay** - There was consensus to continue working on developing the aesthetic overlay. There is currently an overlay regarding new construction, but we will focus on integrating the results of the walk on Third Street (see Oct. minutes) and the '2009 West Shore Core Community Design Concepts/Considerations Guide' guidelines as the basis for this aesthetic overlay. Committee members will meet separately to brainstorm the proposed content of the overlay.
- D. **A Parks Master plan Study/Strategy** – There is funding in the 2020 proposed budget for \$35K to match the applied-for \$35 K, DCNR funding to initiate the study.

6. New Business

A. Land next to new fire station? This item was moved to council executive session.

B. Meeting with Community Non-Profits in Lemoyne – Following one of the suggestions of Mrs. Kelley from DCED, the committee will explore convening a meeting of the non-profits in Lemoyne that serve our citizens. The purpose of the meeting would be to share information regarding programs and funding sources that could further the missions of the various organizations. Ms. Griva will lead this effort and Mr. Gargiulo will develop the list of organizations and draft the letter of invitation...date to be determined (February/March?).

7. Other Business?

A. Following a suggestion that we explore a **Lemoyne Youth Initiative**, Ms. Griva and Mr. Gargiulo will determine what could be included in this concept and report back to the committee at its next meeting.

8. Public Comment There was no additional comment.

9. Next Meeting – January 9, 2020 @ 6 PM

10. Adjournment – 8:55 PM