

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING on January 9, 2020 – MINUTES

1. The meeting of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE was called to order at 6:02 PM by Sue Yenchko. In attendance were Kasha Griva, Rebecca Coleman, Rick Stark, Bob Huggler, John Leverentz, Rebecca Yearick and Cindy Foster, Borough Manager.

2. **Public Comment** – *Rick Stark* mentioned 4 items of interest: 1) He noted that some tractor trailers coming out of side streets and parking lots along Market Street sometimes have their rear tires plowing through some of the traffic calming bump-outs or raingardens. 2) He also inquired about the status of Lemoyne's Christmas decorations. Noting that there is money in the budget to purchase new decorations for next winter season, could the present decorations possibly be refurbished? After some discussion, Ms. Foster will check into whether the VoTech School or CPARC might be interested in such a project. 3) He raised a question about codes enforcement – What is the time pressure getting the rental inspections done vs. regular codes enforcement? It was noted that a certain number of the inspections must be done each year but there are certainly other matters that are looked into when necessary. 4) When will the Land Partnerships contract regarding the rain gardens be going out? This spring.

John Leverentz said that he'd like to discuss the trees in Negley Park so will wait for item D. under Old Business. He also asked about the current condition of Third Street and Hummel Street. It was noted that after sewer and water work was/is being done, that a really rough surface is left for drivers to contend with all winter (both streets will be resurfaced in 2020). The contractor did return to smooth over some really bad spots after many complaints were aired especially about Third Street.

3. **Minutes** of the November 14, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously by a Griva/Coleman motion.

4. Old Business –

A. **Community Survey Project** – Discussion centered around the priorities regarding “Neighborhood” which include a) Condition of buildings, b) Safety, c) Associations, d) Organizations and e) History. It was noted that the local Historic Society is working on inventorying Lemoyne's historic properties. There was discussion about the pros and cons of combining municipalities. Also about getting more young citizens involved in helping with these discussions since it will become their world in the near future. Is there a need for community space/activities? And since the data from FieldGoals.US was to have been broken down into neighborhoods, Ms. Foster will query them about making that information or the data available for us to parse. The question came up whether this newest data can be integrated into the current Comprehensive Plan. It certainly might help us to update certain parts of the Plan.

B. **Aesthetic Overlay** - Committee members Yenchko, Griva and Gargiulo met separately to brainstorm the proposed content of the overlay. They felt the next step needed was to meet with a small contingent of business owners along Third Street to ascertain their interest in upgrading that business district in Lemoyne. That interest would be crucial to moving forward on trying to upgrade Third Street. We reviewed which businesses should be invited and two additional names were added to the contact list.

C. **Cumberland County Land Partnerships Grant Program** – The paperwork for a Parks Master Plan Study/Strategy has been submitted to the C. C. Planning Office.

D. **Tree Control at Negley Park** – A long discussion covered the points regarding 1) Should there be unobstructed views? 2) Why plant trees that will grow tall and obstruct future views, and why not cut down those that are already obstructing views? 3) This is the one park that Lemoyne has that offers a historic viewing spot for many occasions, and what needs to be done to keep it that way? There will be a planned walk around that park by the Committee in March to look into this further.

5. New Business

A. **Meeting with Community Non-Profits in Lemoyne** - The committee is exploring 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 (and therefore the services) of the various organizations. Mr. Gargiulo developed an initial list of organizations and Ms. Yearick also has a list which can be

merged with Joe's list. He was also to draft the letter of invitation...date to be determined (February/March?). Ms. Yearick mentioned that she recently met with New Hope Ministries on the subject of housing.

B. Lemoyne Youth Initiative – Ms. Griva will be bringing more information on her ideas to the February meeting.

7. Other Business? There was no other business.

8. Public Comment There was no additional comment.

9. Next Meeting – February 13, 2020 @ 6 PM

10. Adjournment – 8:04 PM