

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING on June 13, 2019 - MINUTES

1. The meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** was called to order at 6:17 PM by Kasha Griva. In attendance were Joe Gargiulo, Rebecca Yearick, Francis Seeger, Judy McAlister, and Sharon Henley.
2. **Public Comment** –1. Francis Seeger of Summit St discussed overgrown weeds and a lack of grooming in several parks and public spaces, as well as residential areas that have greenery covering signage. Locations and specific areas needing improvement were noted by Ms. Griva and will be sent to Borough Manager for action. Ms. Seeger emphasized the importance of maintaining the aesthetics of our parks and public areas with the revitalization of our town. Ms. Griva suggested an educational plaque or sign for areas that natural plantings are purposefully permitted to grow due to stormwater regulations. Ms. Seeger suggested a community maintenance day where volunteers come together to perform tasks that maintenance crews are struggling to finish- painting, weeding, mulching, planting, etc. Ms. Yearick suggested "Friends of the Park" day tied into the Great American Clean Up, and also the Codes Officer resuming the "10 Most Wanted" properties.
2. Sharon Henley of 5th St indicated that the "\$5 after 5 PM" special at the Lemoyne Pool was creating disturbances in the evening. She stated that raising the rates for resident passes and lowering rates for walk- in visitors leads to overcrowding, unsupervised children, adults being disrespectful to the lifeguards, and young employees at the pool being unable to handle rude parents and high school customers not being mindful of people around them. Mr. Gargiulo recommended contacting the police if an altercation gets out of hand. Ms. Yearick suggested starting the special rates at 6 PM rather than 5 PM. A list of details was compiled and will be sent to Borough Manager for consideration.
3. **Minutes** of the May 9, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously by a Gargiulo/Griva motion.
4. **Old business-**
 - A. **Community Survey Project** – The Community Survey provided by Field Goals was discussed at length and several changes of verbiage, order of items, and additional options were suggested. A list of suggestions will be compiled and sent to Committee Chair for review.
 - B. **PA Historical Marker and the National Register of Historic Places Marker** - The Community Development Committee Chairperson Sue Yenchko will reach out to Archeologist, Andrew Wyatt to officially request his help in writing the application for consideration of a Pennsylvania State Historical Marker and the NRHP Designation. The Committee will offer any assistance needed. Completed submission is due by 11/1/2019.
 - C. **Aesthetic Overlay** Ms. Yearick provided an overview of the purpose and definition of an Aesthetic Overlay and the impacts it could make in Lemoyne. The Planning Commission provided two dates for a joint meeting to discuss the Aesthetic Overlay,

7/8/19 and 7/10/29. The Committee unanimously chose Wednesday, 7/10/19 @ 7PM because Mr. Gargiulo and Ms. Yearick are unable to attend on 7/8/19.

D. **“Imagine West Shore Comprehensive Plan” (2009)** – New items for discussion:

X.7. Downtown - Design – This issue deals with public places, pocket parks, etc. There was discussion about putting bench seating and planting in areas such as the Welcome to Lemoyne sign on Market, Fort Couch and other places. A discussion was held regarding areas of significance that can be improved or designated, including improvements to Fort Couch (plantings, seating, gazebo or small pavilion, creating a small park), locating and identifying Fort Washington with a plaque, walking trails to connect areas of historical significance, brick walkways with plantings on 3rd St, improved signage throughout areas in the borough. Ms. Griva recommended wooden welcome signs with depictions from the highway mural.

X.8. Downtown Design Replacement Program – This includes a program encouraging individuals to make improvements to properties including technical and financial assistance, incentives and recognition. A “charm initiative” of sorts to upgrade the look and feel of the borough captured lively discussion. A five year plan should probably be developed to enhance both activity and upkeep of commercial and residential properties.

X.9. Downtown Design - Incorporating infill and redevelopment design standards into zoning and land development ordinances – This was forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration and can be included in the joint meeting agenda.

F. **Land Partnerships Grants** – instead of submitting an application for a Parks Master Plan, the borough will submit a request for funding for repairs to the pavilion in Negley Park for 2019. We will look at a comprehensive reimagining of Negley for 2020. In addition to terraced seating, adding permanent restrooms with running water, and the baseball field were discussed at length. Is the field being adequately used? Would that space be better used for another purpose? Can it provide any other uses while remaining baseball field? What is useful to our community? What new ideas do we have for this park?

G. **Archeological Dig Mural**– Three bids were presented for framing of the mural. Paper Lion Gallery offered glass and a plain frame for \$871.74. Artworks Gallery offered a dark plain frame with UV plexiglass for \$655.00. AC Moore offered an etched wood Kensington frame with plexiglass and security hangers for \$663.86. On a Gargiulo/Griva motion, the Committee voted to select the etched frame and plexiglass from AC Moore to house the mural. Several options were provided for printing the mural, ranging in price from \$103.50 to \$419.75. On a Gargiulo/ Griva motion, the Committee voted to allow

Johnson Imaging to print the image directly to gatorboard at a cost of \$155.26. The image is less likely to peel and is also UV resistant.

5. New Business

A. Movie Night at the Park - The Committee discussed the success of last year's event and determined that we would host another movie night in Memorial Park the weekend prior to the first day of school. The date of Saturday August 24th was selected with a start time of 8 pm. Movie suggestions included Aladdin and the Lego Movie. We would like to select a movie that is amusing for both children and adults. We will contact Dan Green for information about movie rental, food trucks and equipment rental. We will request funds from Mayor Beasley's community account to cover costs. Further planning will be completed in Borough Council meetings.

B. Proposed Park/ Walking Trail, Harrisburg Academy Lands – The land in question is owned by Harrisburg Academy. Gale Gallo, Sue Yenchko, Gene Koontz, and Cindy Foster met with Harrisburg Academy officials to discuss their plans for the land near the unnamed tributary. Harrisburg Academy stated that they did not ever plan to bequeath the land to the Borough, and it is not an option they are currently considering. The Academy uses the land as a living science classroom for their students. However, Harrisburg Academy is open to suggestions and input regarding the improvement of the land. They would be happy to meet with Citizens of Kiehl Drive directly to discuss options. The Committee passed this information to Ed Castelli. We request that the citizens keep the Borough informed in these matters.

6. Other Business? – There was none.

7. Public Comment - Ms. Yearick asked if anyone had received any feedback regarding the potential text amendment changes to Consolidated Properties real estate at 3rd & Market Sts. No one had received feedback, positive or negative. Ms. Yearick also stated that the old Arthur Murray building on 4th and Market St. was empty and for sale. This is a prime location for redevelopment and downtown improvements.

8. Next Meeting – July 11, 2019 @ 6 PM

9. Adjournment – 8:26 PM