

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

## MEETING on May 9, 2019 - MINUTES

1. The meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** was called to order at 6:04 PM by Sue Yenchko, Chair. In attendance were Kasha Griva, Rebecca Yearick, Cindy Foster, Borough Manager, Bob Huggler, Judy McAlister, Delina Zook, Lisa Trogner, John Melham and Ed Castelli.
2. **Public Comment** – There was none.
3. **The minutes** of the April 11 meeting were approved unanimously by a Griva/Yenchko motion.
4. **Old business-**
  - A. **Community Survey Project** – There were two proposals submitted to carry out the survey.... Field Goals.US and PR Works. References were checked and references were positive for both organizations. On a Griva/Yenchko motion the committee will recommend that Council approve the FieldGoals.US proposal at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.
  - B. **PA Historical Marker and the National Register of Historic Places marker** for the Susquehannock Tribe archeological dig at Memorial) Andrew Wyatt who headed and worked on the dig, attended the May work session council meeting to answer any Q's, has volunteered to aid with proper text on both nomination forms. The subject of replacing the very faded hall mural about the dig came up. Ms. Yenchko has explored pricing to re-create it and checked out various applications (on photopaper, on foamboard, or on vinal) and will explore framing and UV glass protection and costs for a new mural.
  - C. **Aesthetic Overlay** The Committee again emphasized that they want the Planning Commission to investigate the benefits of an Aesthetic Overlay and a request for a joint meeting is on the P.C. agenda for their May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - D. **Revisiting “Numbers on All Borough Buildings”** – The IPMC requires numbers on all buildings in municipalities for safety and emergency locating. This will be publicized in the fall newsletter and on the Borough’s website, and the Codes Officer will also effect compliance.
  - E. **“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 strategically-placed sign about Lemoyne activities was suggested for possibly the Third and Market Street location (aka “The Porkchop”).
    - 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 will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

F. **Land Partnerships Grants** – Update: Ms. Foster met with Stephanie Williams from the Co. Redevelopment Commission and instead of submitting for Parks Master Plan funding this year, we will submit a request for funding for repairs to the pavilion in Negley Park.

G. **No Littering Signs** – Four signs have been ordered and two will probably be installed in the Bottleneck. We hope that litter enforcement will follow.

## 5. New Business

A. **Lifeguards at Pool** - West Shore Rec. sent a note that they are having lots of competition in hiring lifeguards due to really competitive salaries being offered by other pools. But we **are** covered and the pool opens for Memorial Day.

B. **Proposed Walking Trail** – Ed Castelli and Lisa Trogner from Kiehl Drive spoke about proposing a nature walking trail in the area off of Rt. 15 near Riverview Drive. Mr. Melham talked about physical aspects of such a trail. There was much discussion about the benefits of having such a nature walk in Lemoyne. Since the land is owned by Harrisburg Academy, it would be necessary to ascertain their future plans for that land.

C. **Negley Park Pavilion Construction Costs** – The supports for the Upper Pavilion roof are badly deteriorated and will need replacing as will the roof. Estimates for replacing these two key parts total \$23K. If the entire structure would be replaced, costs would be in the area of \$53K.

D. **Fencing Along Negley Park Border** – There are areas of Negley Park where there is a drop-off with no fencing. Ms. Foster stated that it would be a budget item in next year's budget.

E. **Unnamed Tributary** – Since the stream that runs through the property mentioned in B. has no name, the suggestion was made to find an appropriate name for it that could be something from Lemoyne's history. Further discussion was delayed pending a discussion with the Borough Engineer about steps needed to officially name a stream and to also locate the source of the stream.

F. **Banners** - Banners were discussed. Only one original one still exists and it will hang in borough hall. The weather took its toll on the others that were bought in 2010. Cloth vs Vinyl for future banners became the discussion. More research is needed before moving ahead with new banners.

G. **Creative Communities Grant** – The Pa. Council on the Arts has a pilot initiative giving up to \$25K for 4 years to a *community arts-based project* through a two-organization partnership. A **Letter of Interest** would need to be **submitted by June 28** and would need three letters of support from community organizations. The effort is also called "creative placemaking". Ideas were encouraged.

6. **Other Business?** – There was none.

7. **Public Comment**

8. **Next Meeting** – June 13, 2019 @ 6 PM    9. **Adjournment** – 8:50 PM