

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING on October 10, 2019 – 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, Judy McAlister, Carolyn Green, Rick Stark, Bob Huggler, Ed Castelli and Cindy Foster, Borough Manager..

2. **Public Comment** –*Carolyn Green* suggested that Lemoyne look to upgrading the ground surface at our playgrounds – from wood chips to a rubberized treatment such as is found in Adams Ricci Park and a few other places in the area. She said that DCNR has some playground grants. Adams Ricci Park users offer families the opportunity to contribute toward the rubberized surface. She also volunteered to continue working on this initiative. Ms. Griva who had brought up this same subject last year agreed that a goal was to make the parks useable for all abilities and all ages.

Rick Stark gave the history of the Lemoyne raingardens with over \$2 million spent on them and other streetscape improvements. The raingardens are in a sad state with many weeds, original plants pulled out as weeds, collecting trash swept in by stormwater, etc. While there is a maintenance person who works on the raingardens and stormwater issues, he does not yet have the depth of knowledge about native plants and recognition of plant species (he will have training in these areas). Mr. Stark is offering the native plant specialists, Shirley Stark and Liz Lescavage, to work with our worker to improve the raingardens sooner rather than later. He urged 'Land Studies' be contracted with to map out a plan for healthy raingardens. Ms. Foster mentioned that we still have funds in the budget for a P/T horticulturist but have not found anyone willing to apply for the job. (\$16 p/hr, 1040 hours) Ms. Foster suggested having 2 persons share this P/T job. More plants will be added in the spring and our maintenance person, Joe, is seeking assistance from the Penn-Cumberland Garden Club.

3. **Minutes** of the September 26, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously by a Griva/Yenchko motion. The minutes of the July 10, 2019 collaborative meeting with members of the Planning Commission were also unanimously approved on a Griva/Yenchko motion.

4. Old Business –

- A. **Community Survey Project** – Again, the top priority issues are the more tangible ones one might expect – infrastructure, community aesthetics, walkability, safety and health/wellness. Arts and Culture and sustainability issues were important to many, but top priority went to the aforementioned issues. Representatives from FieldGoals.US will be making a formal presentation to Borough Council at their November 7 work session. The Council will need to develop a comprehensive plan to integrate into our priorities which actions/issues we can address short and long-term to reflect what matters most to current residents of Lemoyne.
- B. **PA Historical Marker and the National Register of Historic Places Marker** – The applications are being worked on by Andrew Wyatt. The Committee continues to offer any assistance needed. Completed submission for the state marker is due by 11/1/2019. We will request that \$1875 be put in the 2020 budget for marker costs. A suggestion was made to also consider in the future an historic marker for the Lemoyne Middle School property.
- C. **Aesthetic Overlay** - Third Street Walk – The Committee again reviewed photographs of Third Street taken on August 3rd. After reviewing the photos, the following comments came out regarding what was seen: 1) There's a lack of pride in these buildings, 2) The area looks very transient, 3) Looks like landlords make a very minimum effort, 4) There's no/little maintenance – note: dirty windows, peeling/faded paint, weeds everywhere, sidewalks offer many tripping hazards. Question: what can be done to get building owners to upgrade/fix many of the exteriors? The 1st Phase of the streetscape project was funded by DCNR and the county. The 2nd Phase was funded by DCED and the county.
- D. **A Comprehensive Parks Study/Strategy** is needed for guidance on updating our parks. Funding to match county funding available will be requested in the 2020 budget.
- E. **Signage** – Ms. Griva reported that J&K Signs did NOT recommend using oval signs for currently unmarked entrances into Lemoyne. They suggested that we stay with a circular model (each sign

would include a facet of The Lemoyne Passage mural and also say "Welcome to Lemoyne"). It was also noted that any such signs on PennDOT owned roads must be lighted.

5. New Business

There was no new business

6. Other Business?

7. Public Comment There was no other comment

8. Next Meeting – November 14, 2019 @ 6 PM

9. Adjournment – 8:03 PM