

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

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Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on October 13, 2014

1. Call to Order

Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Lemoyne Borough Council was held on Monday, October 13, 2014 at the Lemoyne Borough Office, 510 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne, PA. Chairwoman Donna Hope called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Roll Call

Committee member Brenda Candioto was present. David Beasley joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.

3. Public Comments

Stacy Gromlich, Council President, said she had received a request from a constituent to put recycling containers in the parks. James Fair, Maintenance Department Supervisor, responded that he will have a container placed at each of the pavilions. Ms. Gromlich also reported she had a request from the Gateway Historical Society. They would like to have the trees near the caboose in Maple Street Park either cut down or trimmed. Mr. Fair responded that he will have the lower branches trimmed off so the caboose is more visible from the street.

4. Review of the Minutes from the Last Meeting

Mr. Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting. Mrs. Candioto seconded the motion. Mrs. Hope asked for a few minor corrections, and then called for a vote. The motion to approve the minutes with corrections was unanimous.

5. Old Business

a. Revised costs to Remove Trees from Negley Park

Mr. Fair reported he has obtained two bids so far to remove 6 Locust trees from the park and is working on getting one more bid. He had also received one bid over \$4,000 to remove 4 Ash trees. Some tree companies are recommending their removal because the species is experiencing an insect blight. Mr. Fair thought the trees in the park look good for now. The Committee recommended keeping them under observation and see if they become affected.

b. Revised Costs to Repair and Repave Courts in Memorial Park

Mr. Fair reported that he had received a quote of over \$56,000 to have all of the asphalt removed from the basketball and tennis court area and have new stone and asphalt installed. This does not include the cost of new fencing. The Committee decided this option was much too expensive. Other options were discussed. Mr. Fair suggested cutting the paved area in half and removing the tennis court side. This would relieve the concern about tripping hazards in the asphalt from tree roots. The remaining half could be re-sealed and used as the basketball court. The Committee agreed that removing this court is acceptable since there are tennis courts in two other parks. Mr. Beasley made a motion to present this idea to Council for formal approval.

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Mrs. Candioto seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Budget Items – Wish List

There was discussion about significant needs for the parks for the 2015 budget. Mr. Fair mentioned that building a pavilion in the pool area over the existing concrete pad for \$4,000 had been discussed in the budget hearings. The Committee decided to support the project as an expense from the General Fund for the 2015 Final Budget.

b. Ms. Gromlich mentioned a comment made by resident regarding the wording on the signs containing the park rules. The resident thought the phrase "No Unauthorized Animals" was confusing. The Committee discussed other possible wording, and then decided the current wording is the best.

c. Mr. Fair asked for permission to move the playground equipment in Maple Street Park to a more central location and to eliminate the old sand box. The Committee approved the request.

d. The Committee discussed possible projects or equipment to use the money in the Copper Ridge Fund. Mr. Fair was directed to research some possible playground items that cost around \$2,000 that could be used in Negley Park and report back to the Committee.

e. The Committee discussed the proposal to allow dogs in Frazier Park. The Solicitor has prepared some draft language to change the existing ordinance. The Committee requested the Borough Manager to forward the draft to the Ordinance and Zoning Committee for their review.

7. Announcements

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on November 10, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct Mrs. Hope adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by Robert Ihlein; approved by the Committee on 11/10/2014.