

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING ON September 13, 2018 - MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:09PM by Committee Chair, Sue Yenchko. In attendance were: Kasha Griva, Zach Border, Shirley and Rick Stark, Michael and Karen Leitzel, Thomas Bank and Rebecca Yearick.

**2. Public Comment** – Rick Stark raised the subject of state requirements for an auto dealership. Referring to the property at 319 Third Street, he questioned the appearance and function of the property being a very poor entrance into the borough. Discussion followed about what to do with blighted properties.

**3. Approval of last meeting's minutes (7-13-18)** – Ms. Griva motioned and Ms. Yenchko seconded the approval, and the vote was unanimous.

**4. Review of revised Community Survey** – There was lively discussion about the contents of the survey. A suggestion was made to add a question: "What issues do you see as a problem and what solutions can you suggest?" There was also discussion about the best way to distribute the survey to obtain maximum participation by citizens of Lemoyne. A suggestion was made to also do some focus groups in the various neighborhoods. While there was one estimate for professional help with the survey, the amount mentioned was felt to be very high. Mr. Bank and Ms. Yearick will contact some other PR and polling firms for prices for assistance with the survey setup.

**5. Negley Park** – An update on pickleball use on the Negley court has mentioned that there is some use already. A key from the borough (\$25) for use of the court is necessary and the West Shore Recreation Commission is holding "how to" classes during September. More signups are needed for the classes.

**6. 2009 Comprehensive Plan Highlights** – Tabled until the October meeting.

**7. Planning Commission's Review of Zoning** – Council directed the Planning Commission to look at potential zoning changes to help with compatibility in zoned areas. The Commission will bring any suggestions for change to Council for approval. Approximately 10 areas are being looked at and borough engineer, Rettew, is working on suggestions for change. A further suggestion from Ms. Yearick was to consider an "Aesthetic Design Overlay" since with an ADO, properties would be available for some county and some state funding (grants with match requirements) to improve the facades. Also discussed was the subject of "signage" and how to encourage businesses to upgrade their signs. The future of Championship (music venue) was also talked about noting that due to the noise, it can't be located too closely to residential properties.

**8. Other Business** – Mrs. Stark spoke passionately about the need for Lemoyne's maintenance department to care for the raingardens, which not only help with Lemoyne's stormwater compliance requirements, but also are integral to the appearance of a well kept community since Market Street is very heavily traveled. There was discussion that Lemoyne could merge the part time seasonal position with the horticulturist position to take care of keeping the raingardens functioning correctly and improving the look of our main street! In the meantime, professional landscapers should be sought to do a one-time cleanout and fix up of the pots and raingardens.

**9. Next Meeting** – October 11 at 6 PM. **Adjournment** was at 8:43PM