

**Eldred Township
Parks Committee**

November 9, 2021

Call To Order: 7:05 Mary Anne Clausen

Public Comment: None

Attendance: Mary Anne Clausen, Joyce Blaskow, Joe Pucci, Lydia Boileau, Diana Pucci, Annette Heist

Approval of Minutes: on motion of Dianne Pucci and seconded Annette Heist committee approved minutes

Acting secretary for this meeting: Joyce Blaskow

Board's Response to Previous Recommendations:

1. Status of talks with farmer Steve Serfass, lessee of Mock Park fields: Terms of the lease with renewal to be changed to the end of January and include lessee mowing the perimeter of fields on a periodic basis or to leave a perimeter boundary of 15 ft to allow township public works to be able to mow with current equipment. This is to ensure that the walking path around the field path would remain open and accessible to walking all year round.
-BOS has not yet spoken to Steve Serfass, but the conference will be scheduled.
2. Status of repair to erosion at Wes Flo entrance: Lydia Boileau to meet with Frank Fehlinger regarding the erosion next week.
3. Status of Amendment to Mock Park agreement; This is regarding the part of the agreement which determines what personal property the township will receive in escrow. Township continues to attempt to define a list of personal property it will receive.

Village Square

1. Joyce Blaskow and Mary Anne Clausen met with landscapers to get a price for a design plan for the Village square. Chestnuthill Nursery unsure if they would be able to complete the estimate. Timber Rock estimate for design was \$2000.00 for area from parking lot to behind shed and an additional \$1500.00 for area west of the Smale house. Awaiting an estimate from Tony Farda for landscape design. Awaiting contact from Votec for design plan
2. Recommendation to BOS to move ahead with Village Square :

- 1) On motion of Annette Heist, seconded by Joe Pucci voted unanimously to ask BOS for the following:
 - a) Have Public Works remove the shed behind the Smale house
 - b) Remove dumpsters from township property
 - c) Separate the Village Square from the adjoining parking area to prevent continued parking in the Village square and delineate the boundaries of the Village Square from the parking lot. The Committee suggested using a temporary solution such as logs from felled trees to delineate boundaries.
Committee offered volunteer help to remove shed if needed

- 2) On Motion of Joyce Blaskow seconded by Lydia Boileau voted unanimously to ask BOS to:
Add white lights on the Stone Arch Bridge for the holiday season. Committee member Lydia Boileau generously offered to pay for the lights up to \$100.00.

3. Recommendations regarding signs:

On motion of Diane Pucci, and seconded by Joe Pucci committee voted unanimously to ask BOS:

To avoid signs on the natural areas of the park to maintain the pristine and natural appearance of the park .

Requesting the committee be consulted when erecting new signs on park property.

The committee noted metal signs appearing in the park without explanation, committee believes township should look for creative ways to avoid signs in natural areas of its parks.

4. Recommendations regarding park rules:

On motion of Mary Anne Clausen, seconded by Annette Heist The Committee voted unanimously to ask the BOS to:

Add existing park rule a) Clean up after your pet and b) No overnight parking

Mock Park Updates:

1. Many thanks to Bob Boileau and Tim Day for mowing the perimeter of the Mock Park field trail to improve accessibility. Continue to check with Steve Serfass regarding if he would mow the perimeter of the field. Now that the corn crop has been harvested the field can be mowed by the public works crew. Recommendation by Annette that the 15 ft perimeter be unplanted, unplowed and mowed in order to create and maintain a walking path around the perimeter of the field.

Grants-Uses and Application:

1. MCCD Grant, opens January 2022. It covers three broad categories, recreation, greenway, access to streams, although these areas may overlap. Grant requires a conservation easement of deed restriction to assure public access in perpetuity . The committee agreed to ask the board to address any legal issues so that this grant might be available for Church Road access and to add deed restrictions to the Village Square property , so that it would also be eligible for this grant
2. DCNR Grant
3. AARP grant

Website Update:

Joe has done a great job working to construct the Park and Recreation website. Items to be included on the web page are park rules, map overview, gallery page with photos, meeting dates, committee members and other content. Joe will work with the committee members for additional suggestions and photos to continue to develop the web page.

Revision to Committee Policy: None

Other:

Mary Anne Clausen discussed the need for zoning change in town from Commercial to Mixed Village Use.

Committee to view a powerpoint presentation by Eldred township Secretary, Ann Veloplcek at next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm with motion by Lydia Boileau seconded by Diane Pucci