

Eldred Township Parks and Recreation
Eldred Township Municipal Building
490 Kunkletown Road
Kunkletown, PA 18058

Parks and Recreation Committee Advisory Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mary Anne Clausen, Chairperson
Appointment of Secretary pro Temp: Lydia Boileau

Attendance: Mary Anne Clausen, JoAnn Bush, Joyce Blasko, Annette Heist, Diana Pucci, Joe Pucci, Gary Hoffman, Eldred Twp Supervisor, and Lydia Boileau.

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes for April 12, 2022: Motion made to approve by Joe Pucci; seconded by Lydia Boileau. All in favor.

Village Square:

Bridge Inspection completed by Chase Engineering. After discussion of specifics, Committee recommends the BOS take appropriate action on bridge maintenance as outlined in Chase report. Lydia made motion to approve this action with Diana seconding it.

Flower/temporary beautification plan: Diana, JoAnn, Joyce and Lydia met at Square last week and made recommendation that some grading, seeding take place to cover the grossly bare and unsightly areas and that the "triangle" in front of the Smale House be roto tilled and made into a suitable bed for planting. Gary reported that Public Works Supervisor, Frank Fehlinger will be leaving his position because of health issues and last day is this Friday (May 13). This will make projects requiring Public Works crew more difficult as now short staffed. Gary also suggested that the Committee make a list of projects in priority to present to BOS near time of Budget Meeting so funding can be determined for the fiscal year ahead. Much discussion regarding getting project done and issues

surrounding doing it. Gary volunteered to do grading and digging at site as he is covered to use Township equipment and has expertise in this area. Gary will also set up a "Key Box" for Committee members to have access to Smale House to use the water for hose. (Hose and sprinkler set up will need to be procured- already approved as supplies needed with monies provided for this project.) Recommendation made to proceed with project as discussed with motion made by Diana and seconded by Joyce. All in favor. There followed discussion of possible need to re-locate picnic tables according to comment made by Fish and Game Commission. Gary will investigate.

Joyce has been in communication with Frank regarding storage of donated items. This issue is continuing to be explored.

Location and condition of dumpsters at Kunkletown General Store continues to be topic of much discussion although issue presumably was resolved last year with BOS recommending a letter be sent to Rachel Heffelfinger, owner of store, to request dumpsters be moved to her property. The letter was to direct Ms. Heffelfinger to move dumpsters by a date in February. However, due to the concern of one Supervisor over safety of dumpsters being on Ms. Heffelfinger's property, the letter was left unsent. The Committee recommended the BOS send the referenced letter with a future date for dumpsters to be removed with the request that the dumpsters be closed at end of business day to discourage animals. Gary agreed to follow through.

The Committee agreed to remind the BOS of requests in past to remove unsightly metal gates at Stone Arch Bridge, preplacing with boulders if access is a safety issue. The Committee also requests that Hanover be asked to provide the number of parking spaces that can be designated so Committee can move ahead on Square project.

Mock Park:

The new rules have yet to be posted. However, JoAnn is working with Ann Velopolcek to ensure this task is accomplished.

The perimeter of the field trail has been "groomed" with subsequent removal of fallen trees. The entrance at Wes Flo has been re-engineered in hopes it will be better at directing water away from the trail.

Joe is continuing to work on mapping a new path through the woods.

Completing the benches out of logs from trees from Park has hit a glitch. Frank notes that the logs in the Park are too large to remove to make the benches. The machine that would be able to do this rents for \$800/day. The Committee was unanimous in its disapproval of renting said machine (for money and because of fears of disturbing trail). A suggestion was made that perhaps draft horses could be used to retrieve the logs. A suggestion was made that alternate logs be considered. Mary Anne agreed to contact a neighbor with a tree service to determine if suitable logs could be procured easily from him and made into benches rather than removing logs from the Park.

Committee Policy Revision: Discussion deferred until June after Mary Anne exacted pledges from members present to read policy prior to the June meeting.

Meeting with Chris Stohlein: Mr. Strohlein in in communication with Ann. It is not feasible for Mr. Strohlein to meet with the Committee but has agreed to a meeting, whether virtual or actual sometime this month. Committee members as available will sit in on the meeting.

Website update: Joe has made the changes discussed at last meeting. The Committee recommends to BOS that the website link be added to the Township's website. Annette made motion, seconded by Lydia with all members in favor.

Other: Gary noted that a second utility pole has been added to one at General Store. Mary Anne asked Gary if Village Overlay on agenda for Twp meeting. Currently it is not. A hearing on the subject is being considered in the future. Annette asked if there is a mechanism within the Township to dispose of hazardous waste. Gary will double check hazardous waste but believes it is included in the Township's twice yearly acceptance of these materials for safe disposal.

Gary noted that COG (Council of Governments, a group to which all County municipalities belong) is concerned about the dumping of "dirty dirt" in the state as New York and New Jersey are taking advantage of Pennsylvania's "open ness" in accepting it. Gary states BOS will give Planning Committee the assignment of drafting an ordinance to prevent it (and the transport of it through) in the

Township. The State and Local roads are taking a toll from the large trucks needed to transport the waste and the weight limit is being increased so roads will be more at risk.

Gary reported PENNDOT already working on bridge at Greensweig's garage. Mary Anne noted that Kunkletown Rd is a designated bike route in the State. Mary Anne stated Kunkletown Rd should be made safe for biking if it isn't. All other members of the Committee agreed that no one present would feel safe biking on Kunkletown Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM on a motion by Annette, seconded by Joe with all in agreement.