

# Lower Frederick Township

## Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

July 6th, 2020

Next Meeting Monday August 3rd 7:00PM

### Members:

DonaLynn Irick, Warren Jacobs, Pamela Reich, Janet Luneau, Robin McGovern, Josh Meyers

Guest: Noelle Halter, Marla Hexter, Mark Hudson, Greg Reich, Phil Smith, Dan Orfe, Chuck Yeiser

### Approval of meeting minutes:

A motion was submitted to approve June 2020 minutes. Approved.

### Audio recording of meeting

DonaLynn Irick read the following announcement:

*Park Boards meetings are recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes. The recordings are destroyed six months after the minutes are approved.*

### New Member

Greg Reich would like to join the Park Board. Approval will be discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on July 7th.

### QR Code Signs

Greg Reich presented an overview of the QR Plant Tag Project. There are currently three sample tags installed at VCP. Basic information about the plant is provided on the tag as well as a QR code which provides much more detailed information when scanned.

The detailed information is stored in a database in the cloud and can be customized to meet our needs.

Pam Reich researched data for the three sample tags and added the detailed information to the database. Newer iphones come loaded with a QR Reader. Otherwise a QR Reader app can be downloaded and used on both android and ios phones.

QR technology is in common use today. To ensure our residents are aware of its capabilities, Pam Reich would like to create a sign at the entrance to the park explaining its use and introduce the concept of the tags.

Both Josh Meyers and Warren Jacobs suggested we include the detailed plant data on the Park Board website. Warren also suggested that we include an overall list of projects.

After much discussion about costs a motion was made by Warren Jacobs and second by Pam Reich to

A: Go forward with the QR app

B: Ask the BOS if we can spend Park Board budget on this project

All members approved. Pam Reich will discuss at the BOS meeting on July 7th.

### Concept for Fundraising for Plantings and Tree Donations

As a first step the Park Board needs to identify what type of trees and shrubs we need at each park and where they should be installed.

We would create specific line items identifying exactly what is needed including the cost to purchase, install and create the plaque with QR code and request donations to cover the costs.

A promotional brochure will need to be developed to be distributed with the donation forms.

### Discussion and Costing Information for Memorial Brick Program

Pam Reich provided an overview of the Memorial Brick Program. The bricks are relatively inexpensive to laser imprint with wording or a logo. Pam narrowed the selection to three suppliers. Brick size would be either 4"x 8" or 8"x 8". All agreed to continue with this project. Pam suggested placing the bricks around the fountain. She volunteered to do preliminary pricing on prepping the area for brick placement.

### Interpretive Panel

Pam Reich discussed creating interpretive panels to be used as a way to provide information for site visitors. The newer panels are UV protected and extremely durable. Possible applications would be: the meadows, the rain gardens and the pollinator beds. This project will be discussed in more depth at a later time.

### Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) 2020 MS4 Grant

We have been awarded the PWC 2020 MS4 Grant for rain gardens. Thanks to Pam Reich for completing the prep work for the application. We were approved for both Cuddy Park and VCP but we are not able to create a rain garden at VCP until the dying ash trees are removed. The focus will be on Cuddy Park. PWC is responsible for installing the project and providing the materials and we are responsible for providing volunteers. There will be a kick-off meeting at Cuddy Park at 10am on Thursday July 9th. Everyone is welcome.

This item will be put on the August agenda for further discussion.

### Quote for Electrical Upgrades at VCP

Greg Reich presented on the electrical conditions at VCP. There are extension cords and tie wraps in use that should be replaced with a permanent solution. Greg requested three quotes and has received two back so far. Also included in the quote request is the installation of outlets along the fence. Greg installed a wifi router to control the fence lights; this will facilitate programming and allow enhanced visual effects..

### Ash Trees at VCP

Warren Jacobs will submit a quote for the removal of the dying trees. Warren noted there is a healthy ash tree that would be dead by next year but for the recent efforts to treat the tree. Warren provided the material and Noelle Halter volunteered her services to save the tree. The treatment is working and the ash borers are dying.

### Picnic Table at VCP

DonaLynn Irick will ask the maintenance crew to relocate a picnic table from Foy Park to VCP.

### Summer Concert

Robin McGovern noted that the summer concert is confirmed for July 30th with a rain date of August 13th. AM Radio Tribute Band will hold the date open and social distancing procedures will be implemented if the concert takes place. If additional space is needed we may use Upper Salford Park. Various Park Board members will attend the concert at Upper Salford Park on Thursday July 9th to see how they handle social distancing.

### Dead Shrubs at VCP

Pam Reich met with Mark Hudson to review making the park low maintenance. Mark will ask the maintenance crew to remove dead shrubs from VCP and abandon several of the small beds by reverting them to grass. There are also piles of weeds in the center of the circle that should be removed.

Meeting Adjourned