

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

January 14, 2021 – MINUTES

1. The meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE** was called to order via Zoom at 6:05 PM by Sue Yenchko, Chair. In attendance were Rebecca Coleman, John Leverentz, Rebecca Yearick, Judy McAlister, Gene Koontz, Joe Gargiulo, and Cindy Foster, Borough Manager.
2. **Public Comment** – John Leverentz brought up 2 issues: 1) Bikes riding over the earthworks at historic Fort Couch and he asked for signage to prohibit such activity (including motorized and electric vehicles); and 2) Scattered graffiti around Lemoyne, especially on electrical boxes, provides a poor impression of Lemoyne.
3. **Minutes** of the December 10, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously following a Coleman/Yenchko motion.
4. **Old Business** –
  - A. **Community Survey Project – Neighborhood Review** – The review continued with #32 of the 2019 Community Survey. The subjects were: expanding/developing technology, encouraging innovation and having a sustainable environment in Lemoyne. #32 asked how important was it to do something in the 3 aforementioned areas and neighborhood responses ran from Extremely Impt. (A), Very (C), to just Important in the B, D (tied with Not Impt.), & E neighborhoods). #33 asked which tech/env. programs people would like to see implemented and similar answers included: Public (free) WiFi (checking with Kutztown), More recycling containers in public places (problem of how to keep recycling and trash separate), composting (Lower Allen has this and will discuss with us next year), solar panels (In public buildings), recycling for electronics (Cumb. Co. provides this svc. 2X per year, and Staples also takes electronics), clear views at Negley Park (more trees and appropriate trees in appropriate places), attracting more tech firms, attracting more young professionals (having available the services the YP's want, e.g. public transportation, pedestrian and bike safety, homebuyer workshops)
  - B. **Aesthetic Overlay** - Third Street Possibilities (Meeting not scheduled due to COVID-19 considerations.)
  - C. **Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan Work Plan (CRPOS)** – The Study Committee (John Bellem, Gene Koontz, John Leverentz, Gaylon Morris, Jessica Orndorf, Rev. Jason Schwartzman, Shirley Stark, Lisa Trogner and Michael Young) met and will meet at 5PM (via Zoom) on the third Thursday (January 21). A timeline for action was put together showing choice of consultant could be by end of summer with the study taking a year. Scope of Work should be ready by end of January. Stephanie Williams and Kirk Stoner from County Planning will be invited to participate without a vote. Starting in February, all meetings will, of course, be open to the public.
  - D. **Negley Park - a) Survey progress** – Rettew Engineering has been conducting the survey of the boundaries of the park. Since the County Courthouse is closed, Rettew must wait to check conflicting boundary maps before finally finishing the survey. **b) Final inspection of the Upper Pavilion** – Completed
  - E. **Historical Marker – Dedication Date?** Sunday, June 13 @ 2PM - dedication of the PHMC's Historical Marker at Memorial Park. COVID-19 precautions must be observed in the installation and dedication ceremony planning.
  - F. **Lemoyne Mural- Grounds Maintenance** – Maintenance Supervisor, Cliff Karlson spoke to PennDOT which sent a crew to cut weeds and better maintain the grounds in front of the Mural. During the busy summer growing season, the response might not be so quick.
5. **New Business** –
  - A. – There was none.
6. **Other Business ?** There was none.
7. **Public Comment** – Rebecca Yearick spoke about the RFP for CRPOS project consultants.
8. **Next Meeting** - Possibly no February meeting, but if one is needed it will be on **February 11, 2021 @ 6 PM** (still probably ZOOM. Stay tuned.)
9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned on a Coleman/Yenchko motion at 7:45PM.