

Regular Meeting Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7 p.m.

**ALLENTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
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## **Parks + Public Spaces Committee**

### Minutes

July 8, 2024

1. **Call to Order** was made by Will Borkowski at 7 p.m.
2. **SALUTE GO THE FLAG** was made by Barb Pleva.
3. **Compliance Statement** read by Will.

“In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act,” Chapter 231. P.L. 1975 Section 5, adequate notice has been given of meeting by posting a Notice in a public place and by transmitting a notice in two newspapers; the Times and the Asbury Park Press; as required by law.”

Roll Call was performed by Pleva:

|                          | Present | Absent | Absence Excused |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|
| Barb Pleva               | X       |        |                 |
| Will Borkowski           | X       |        |                 |
| Cheryl Willois           |         |        | X               |
| Terry Brown              | x       |        |                 |
| Bill Cotte               | x       |        |                 |
| Alisa Stanislav          |         | x      |                 |
| Rick Jakober             | x       |        |                 |
| BC Liaison Nikki Darling | x       |        |                 |
| Diane Sterner            | x       |        |                 |
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#### **4. Approval of Minutes:**

Tabled until next meeting.

5. Public Participation: Limited to 3 minutes per person.

- No public participation.

Nikki :

- DPW working hard on Heritage.
- Borough meeting to go over all committees plans to coordinate.
- Gov body wants to help with funds needed for cleanup dates. One date set for
- cleanup is
- Looking for residents|seniors who may need help with homes or property. Please forward any information to Nicki of anyone you may know who are need.
- Sept 11 plans for day of remembrance are in process of being made.

New Business

- Continue with strategic plan.
- Will B. says Tavi will reach out to members. They said they would take over planters in town.
- Garden club might have some input.

Update and produce signs where needed. Signs in every park sign rules such as vandalism prevention. use sign at Sensi as a template but add to it as appropriate for each park. Diane recommends an added ban of motorized vehicles. Farmers Park sign needs to be different than Sensi but both need to address water safety issues that will differ from what is needed at Heritage. Ideas will be sent to Niki when the draft is finalized. Rick Jacober mentioned Cornines Mill Pond as a Wildlife sanctuary and we should investigate that to add to signage. Work on finding information on Wildlife designation for Mill Pond.

- Terry Brown brought up concern some have with too many signs in Borough and that should be taken into consideration. Rick will do further research on that.
- Need formal chain of command for activities in Parks. Barb mentioned when town gets an application it goes before Recreation Commission for approval. But a mor formal process may be needed.
- Bill mentioned Farmers have had a lot of work done. Good first year effort, more to be done. Will asked for input on having businesses such as landscapers & gardening suppliers adopt a park or project in town for a way to advertise their business.

The Carpool Movie on Fri. May 31 was a success and people offered that they hope it will continue next year. Swal was there selling ice cream & hot dogs.

Historic Allentown 5K Run, Walk and 1-mile Fun Run in Heritage Park will be September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. for fun run and 9 a.m. for 5 K. Banner will be hung on North Main Street Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Bill Cotte**– Planning Board. Applicants for 53 N. Main will be present at the next meeting.

**Will Borkowski** – Historic Preservation Commission will help with park signage. A lot of work at Sarah Barnes, looking good.

**Terry Brown** – Shade Tree Commission

Tried to get the pruning done. Storm water regs require tree replacement. Greater than 6 “ in diameters has to be replaced by those that cuts it down whether on your property or a neighbors or in borough somewhere.

Ashby Park update:

Working on better new types of trees with less maintenance. Also working to eliminate meadows will sustainable low maintenance plantings. Native is important that is sustainable and affordable & will survive. Plants, trees & shrubs that are easily identifiable. Mulch for the first 2 years and then keep those who can survive without mulching. Careful with mulching to reduce weeds as mulch will decompose and be a richer soil for weeds.

Diane recommended enlisting Mercer County College students for help on Parks plantings.

**Rick Jakober** – Environmental Commission

Looking at EV station, composting and discussions on 53 Main Street up coming.

**Next Meeting August 12, 2024 followed by Sept 16, Oct. 14 and Nov 11**

**Motion to Adjourn** by Bill Cotte and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Adjourned @ 8:02 p.m.