

Allentown Parks and Public Space Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
April 19, 2021
Meeting Minutes



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Allison Arnone at 7:04 pm and the following statement was read:

"In compliance with the 'Open Public Meetings Act', Chapter 231, PL 1975, Section 5, adequate notice has been given of this meeting by posting a Notice in a public space and by transmitting a notice to two newspapers, THE TIMES and the ASBURY PARK PRESS, as required by law."

Those present were: Allison Arnone, Jan Meerwarth, Rob Strovinsky, Lisa Strovinsky, and Terry Brown. Jan Buchalski and Suzanne Smith were excused absent. A quorum was present

Minutes Review

Terry Brown motioned to approve the March 15, 2021 minutes, Jan Meerwarth seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Public Present

There was no public present

Old Business

Laurie Roth is to track all Ashby Park Phase I Change Orders submitted to Monmouth County for approvals. She prefers to finish all Phase I work before starting work on Phase II.

There was no movement on Signage and Wayfinding. With an estimated cost of \$15,000 for just the signage for Ashby Park and a lack of funds it was decided to table this until next year.

The fencing at Ashby Park was discussed at length. For Phase II we're looking at fencing at the right side of the Hamilton St. entrance and the Broad St. entrance by the bank. The cost that the contractor seems excessive and we weren't clear on what all it included. It was thought that the Hamilton St. entrance wasn't included. Rob is to follow up with Laurie and Nick to get all the information. Rob indicated that DPW could install a split rail fence for minimal cost. We looked at different fencing options and decided to go with a black 2 rail fence with caps on the posts. The rails being boards roughly 2x6. A motion was made by Allison to make this our approved fence. It was seconded by Terry and approved unanimously.

New Business

Department of Community Affairs: Local Recreation Improvement Grant is about \$20,000. Looking into using it to make improvements to Sara Barnes Park. Need to provide list of requested improvements to Laurie to include in the grant request.

There was a brief discussion about the sign for Sensi Park. Rob suggested having write ups of 6 notable residents on the sign. The sign and verbiage to be discussed at our next meeting.