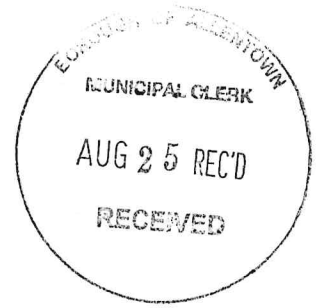


Allentown Parks and Public Space Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
May 17, 2021
Meeting Minutes



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, Jan Buchalski, Rob Strovinsky, Lisa Strovinsky, and Terry Brown. Suzanne Smith was excused absent and has resigned from the committee. A quorum was present.

Minutes Review

Lisa Stovinsky motioned to approve the April 19, 2021 minutes, Jan Meerwarth seconded; Jan Buchalski abstained; the motion passed unanimously.

Public Present

There was no public present

Old Business

Ashby Park update

Phase I Change Order Scope: Of the \$40,000 remaining from the grant, the stump removal has been completed (\$1,000). The scope was changed to add another pathway with stone-dust for \$28,000. Rob and Nick looked into purchasing fencing but all materials are sold out. Rob considered getting the fencing milled and then would need to be painted, but maybe should change to PVC fencing. Nick will be doing the install with the cost of materials covered by the additional monies remaining from the \$40,000. If any additional monies remain, Rob noted trees could be purchased and Nick could install within the plan. Jan B reported that no work has been done in quite some time, and no equipment is present on the site. Allison noted that no one seems to know why DCRS hasn't started. Laurie is the point of contact with both DCRS and E&LP. Rob noted he will talk to Laurie and find out what is going on. He also reported that he is still looking into the transfer of the deed for the Union AME cemetery to remove the chain link fence.

Phase II Update on Amended Scope: Allison reported that due to the disturbance created by the new path in Phase I change order scope, a raingarden must be installed for stormwater management. However, this is NOT covered through the MCOS grant that we received. However, Allison indicated that this change order has been approved by council but this committee is unaware of how that raingarden will be financially covered. Further, Allison noted that Phase II is way behind schedule. The construction drawings and out to bid should have started by now. This should be approved at the June council meeting then Ed will complete the drawings and it will go out to bid. Rob noted that he does not see Phase II starting until next spring.

New Business

Sensi/Mill Pond Historic Marker Sign: the committee reviewed verbiage and images for the mill pond and grist mill markers.

Scout work at Union AME Church: Scout to work with reps from each of the churches to coordinate the cemeteries on GPS for flag placement.

Next Meeting

June 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:39, Terry Brown motioned to adjourn, Lisa Strovinsky seconded.