

Regular Meeting Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 at 7 p.m.

ALLENTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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7Parks + Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

January 15, 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 Barb Pleva.

“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.”

4. **Roll Call** was performed by Pleva:

	Present	Absent	Absence Excused
Barb Pleva	X		
Will Borkowski	X		
Cheryl Willois	X		
Terry Brown	X		
Alisa Stanislaw			x
Bill Cotte	X		
BC Liaison Nikki Darling	x		

5. **Approval of Minutes: Dec 11, 2023**

Motion

Seconded

All in favor: yes

6. **REORGANIZATION 2024**

Vote for Chair Will Borkowski	Motion	2nd	Vote
Will Borkowski			y
Cheryl Willios			y
Barb Pleva		x	y
Terry Brown	x		y
Bill Cotte			y
Vote for Vice-Chair Cheryl Willios	Motion	2nd	VOTE
Will Borkowski	x		y
Cheryl Willios			y
Barb Pleva			y
Terry Brown		x	y
Bill Cotte			y
Alisa Stanislaw			
Vote for Secretary Barb Pleva	Motion	2nd	VOTE
Will Borkowski	x		y
Cheryl Willios		x	y
Barb Pleva			y
Terry Brown			y
Bill Cotte			y
Alisa Stanislaw			

7. **Public Participation** : limited to 3 minutes per person. There was no public participation.
8. Chairman Borkowski asked Terri Brown to review what had been done so far on the Strategic plan.

9. Will also asked to check on Grants to help clean up overgrown areas in Heritage. We all agree that a look into goats for brush cleanup is a great idea to research. There is going to have to been a schedule over years to get rid of all invasives but need a plan to maintain. We need volunteers teams. We should at least thin out but also a good idea to start from scratch. Terri brought up the fact of high water table and when trees get big they will uproot in a storm. We might need a expert to come and make suggestions. Set goats loose behind Imlay House to clean out invasives. Church st lot
10. When is best time to plan for planting. Theres a moratorium on tree planting until better watering plans can be implemented. Ways to improve watering plans were discussed.
11. Need to determine where trash cans are needed. Do we need a dumpster? Will a dumpster save cost by not having DPTW drive to and from dump.
12. We need to have everyone champion on a specific park and what it may need.

Will Sensi Park Barb & Terri Heritage Cheryl Ashby Bill Farmers (needs trash cans) Niki Sarah Barnes Cemetary ?

Updates from Committee Commission Liaisons on items relating to Parks + Public Spaces

Niki Darling-Borough Council Bldgs. & Grounds

Has told DTPW to clear up back area. Trying to be proactive before storms. She sees improvement with DTPW. We have a contact in town (Mike) for emergencies.

Barb Pleva – Recreation Commission

No meeting

Bill Cotte– Planning board

Will Borkowski – Historic Preservation Commission

Rick Jacober – Historic Preservation Commission

Terry Brown – Shade Tree Commission

Only trees under warranty are 2 dogwoods.

Next Meeting February 12th

Adjourned by Will Borkowski @ 8:02 p.m.