

Regular Meeting Monday, March. 11, 2024 at 7 p.m.

ALLENTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

8 N. MAIN STREET

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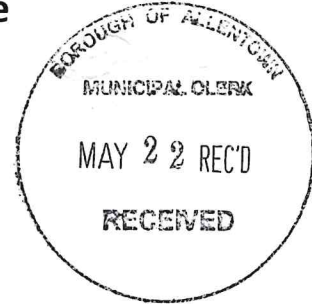
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Parks + Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

March 11, 2024



1. **Call to Order** was made by Will Borkowski at 7:04 p.m.
2. **SALUTE GO THE FLAG** was made by Barb Pleva.
3. **Compliance Statement** read by Will Borkowski .

“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 Stanislaw	x		
Diane Sterner	x		
Rick Jakober	x		
BC Liaison Nikki Darling	x		

4. Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2024

Motion Terry Brown

Seconded **Bill Cotte**

Unanimous approval

Public Participation: Limited to 3 minutes per person.

Linda Cotte 37 Pondview Dr

- A lot of fishing going on in town. Can the lock be removed from floating dock.. Please have Holiday lights removed from trees at Sensi Park. Nikki said that dock is being work on right now.

Discussed having C9 bulbs for lights used for CHRISTMAS decorations so they can remain up.

Terry Brown said that Jack west Pres of ABCA (purchased 10000 lights) and will be working with fire museum to decorate trees in future. So light is taken care of.

Circulate the Strategic Draft Plan for Parks and Public Spaces to all Committees for comment, has suggested by Env Commission.

Recommend to distribute Parks and Public Spaces draft strategic plan				
	Motion	Second	No	yes
Will Borkowski	x			
Cheryl Willois	x			
Barbara				X
Terry Brown				X
Bill Cotte				X
Alisa Stanislav				X
Diane Sterner				
Rick Jakober				X
BC Liaison Nikki Darling				x

We need to set up a April 13th Community wide cleanup. We need volunteers from committee members, Boy scouts, Girl scouts and whoever together for a community clean up. Allentown cleanup day mulching, pick up trash, trimming, edging. This will give help to DPW as well as a baseline.

Each member will reach via email their committees to get a list of volunteers with email phone and tell them date. Meet at heritage, time to be determined.

We need someone to organize tasks and supervisors. Nikki volunteers to be the lead.

Terry will reach out to garden club about planter spruce up.

Mayor Tom will be spearhead for info on table with Jack from EDC

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

Niki Darling-Borough Council Bldgs. & Grounds

Ashby may need surveillance cameras because of continued destruction of trees.

We need to assign people for picking out playground equipment, surface for pickleball, dog park in Heritage etc.

We need to address two abandoned properties on Church St. We need volunteers for cleanup, we can't touch houses.

Barb Pleva – Recreation Commission

Setting dates and getting approval for Movie Night May 24 with rain date is May 26 and 5 K run September.

Bill Cotte– Planning Board

Nothing to report. Next meets April 1st

Will Borkowski – Historic Preservation Commission

Brochures going out for bid, for homeowners and landlords of Historic Homes where to go to find links for applications, it also promotes the town.

Terry Brown – Shade Tree Commission

Arbor Day at Spring Stroll. Pruning in heritage, pruning as well of young trees on Main St. Putting together a marketing for a street campaign recommending tree and plants for Street lawn/strip. Need to figure out if and what tree removal and replacement is required for residents.

Plan and ordinance written for planting slow growing trees, medium height trees that would be rotated as life expectancy will be shorter.

Hawthorne tree is best suited for street lawn under wires.

Rick Jakober – Environmental Commission Spring stroll: town will have table to share with others, rain barrels workshop is totally sold out with 12 on wait list. Stream water Monitoring with our Watershed ambassador will be occurring in April or May. Discussion with Steve Sussa of Princeton HYDRO regarding lake, ponds and streams to curtail erosion and possible mitigation of those. Discussed Church runoff and its effect on Mill Pond possible curtailment from that but that may entail a lot of engineering work to mitigate. Right now, we should possibly work with Presbyterian Church to help control some of the erosion. NJDEP is promoting Removal of useless dams.

Next Meeting April 8, 2024

Adjourned by Cheryl @ 7:58