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

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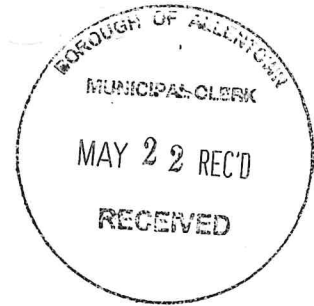
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Parks + Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

April 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 B.



"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		
Rick Jakober	x		
BC Liaison Nikki Darling	x		

4. **Approval of Minutes: tabled by Will B, until May meeting**

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Seconded

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

Linda Cotte of 37 Pondview Dr.

- Says she is happy with the work she has seen at Sensi Park, says it's starting to look better. Concerned about work DPW is doing on right side, looks to be dealing with some drainage issues. Still concerned about erosion & what this is doing to help. Who gave DPW permission or who came up with method being used. How do we know it won't cause more damage to property nearby. It seems to be causing a problem of draining elsewhere.

Nikki reponse:

2 weeks of re-grading Farmers park. seed to come.

- Nikki addressed Ms. Cotte's concerns. The area in question is basically a swamp, after pulling back debris, leaves etc' ground that was found was just swampy mud. She assured public that work being done was approved by Cameron & Carmella, Roberts Engineering's and same system has been used elsewhere in Borough with success. The work at Sensi will push out to allow better drainage that is needed to mitigate problems. This system has been used elsewhere in town and will be used in Heritage Park as well.
- 6.
 - Continue working on strategic plan.
 - Address invasive & natural species in parks as part of the strategic plan
 - address plan for removing invasive species
 - make sure those working on removing invasive species have background needed to address properly
 - address projects specifically such as dog park
 - in area of open space
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 - Find land to purchase
 - Push out cleanup dates until April 13
 - Add an alternate to P&PP for Diane
 - Use overtime for Saturdays for cleanup.
 - Mill has had some cleanup
 - Tree and stump removed at Mill Green Acres and has issues to continue more mitigations for bamboo
 - Root issues being created along path at Mill
 - Putting down non slippery strips/sand int paint on bridge

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

Niki Darling-Borough Council Bldgs. & Grounds

Barb Pleva – Recreation Commission

The Carpool Movie night has been set for Friday, May 31st

Historic Allentown 5K Run, Walk and 1-mile Fun Run in Heritage Park will be September 28th at 8:30 a.m.

Bill Cotte– Planning Board

All approvals/permits complete for LaPiazza parking lots.

Will Borkowski – Historic Preservation Commission

Terry Brown – Shade Tree Commission

Rick Jakober – Environmental Commission

Sent out draft for strategic plan for view

Next meeting:

- The Strategic Plan
- Discuss Env. Commission suggestion to circulate the Strategic Plan to all committees for comment.

Next Meeting May 21, 2024

Motion to Adjourn by Bill Cotte and 2nd by Cheryl Wiilois 2nd Adjourned @ 7:38 p.m.