

Park Committee Minutes; August 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Theodosia Regal, Bill Geible, Doug Roth, Jim Feath and Supervisors Sam Ward and Bert Mowry. Attendance fell one short of a quorum, so no action was taken.

Report from Community Day; Sam and Doug report positively on Community Day. Lots of good comments about the Park and about 500 people attended.

Old Business:

ADA Trail and Bridge: Jim talked about the estimate to make the trail to the gazebo ADA compliant. The cost was much more than anticipated, however there are some options that Jim provided. These include shortening of the bridge, elimination of the bridge in favor of a large culvert, and township crew doing a lot of the work. The township supervisors will decide next meeting if they will commit to the project no matter the cost.

Pollinator Garden: Theodosia reports on the progress of the garden and its' expansion. She is doing a great job and is thanked by those in attendance.

Bird Town: Theodosia has questions about Bird Town. Doug suggests she talk to Jim Bonner for the answers. Doug will share emails.

Secondary Succession: A map of the park was given to Jim showing the areas the committee would like to see as meadow and secondary succession. Jim will report back on how to establish a meadow.

Bike Maintenance and garbage pad: Doug says they are working on it. The amount of concrete is going to be minimal, so may just use sakrete.

CRS cost Proposal: CRS "community donation work" is estimated to be \$500k. That plan had to be scrapped.

Brownsdale sign: Bob Winters stone mason has started work on the Brownsdale sign, Doug has been helping.

Sewage system for phase 2: Sam reports that the test pits for the sewage system failed, so we are back to looking at alternatives. Doug will talk to the SAA again about a grinder pump.

New Business:

Ordering Trees: Theodosia ordered trees from "plant a million trees program" hasn't heard back yet.

Security Cameras: Doug met with a technician that installs security cameras. He recommended waiting until phase 2 starts and to put extra conduit in the electric trench.

Pipe quantity for phase 2: Doug reports that we need to order the pipe for phase 2 so we can use the County grant.

Well Drilling: Discussed the pros and cons of a water well. The water will have to be tested on a periodic basis.

Cooper Cemetery: Doug and Sam had requests from the Vets to see if Cooper's Cemetery could be cleaned up. Doug explained how the township code requires the property owner to pay township labor and equipment costs. Sam says that "Penns Men" may get involved.

Jim Feath: Jim says that everything he wanted to talk about was covered.

Next Mtg: To be announced

Meeting concluded at 7:45 pm