

New Hope Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes March 27, 2023

*Meeting was called to order

*Roll call/Attendees: Beth Hasher (chair), Randy Ragasto, Bev Okulicz, Diana Williams, Stephanie Nagy (speaker phone) and Louise Feder.

*Approval of January minutes. (There was no meeting in February.)

Finances: Christina Szabo reports that all bills were paid, all is status quo and nothing else to report.

Old Business:

***The P & R landscape contract** bid winner (Best Buddies) rescinded their bid. The second choice contractor will be put before Council to see if they want to go with the second or third bid or possibly put it out for more bids. We should know more following the official Council meeting on April 18th.

***Bench Dedication:** We have still be unable to contact Tom Carroll to choose a date for his bench dedication. We are continuing to discuss the exact location for this special bench.

New Business:

*Pam Kerr of **New Hope Arts** attended our meeting. New Hope Arts will be loaning a sculpture (currently housed at Phillips' Mill) which will be placed in Ferry Landing. There is a possibility of more sculptures being on loan to us in the future. Possible locations for those were discussed including the New Hope Visitors Center and the small park on Randolph Street.

***Spring Planting:** We will be meeting on Thursday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. and possibly continuing on April 7th to complete our spring planting. We will be cleaning out old plantings and planting spring flowers in the four planters on Bridge Street, the four planters in Lenape Park and those at the Visitor Center. We will ask Public Works to help clean out the window boxes at the Visitor Center which are very difficult to access.

***The gazebo in Lenape Park** needs to be painted. Beth will contact Matt to see if Public Works is responsible for this.

*We discussed having the wrought iron jail doors put back on the Visitors Center.

***Aquetong Watershed Association**, headed by Jade Green, reached out to Louise Feder regarding their *NE Monarch & Pollinator Habitat Kit Program*. We would like to invite Jade to speak with us regarding this program in more detail and discuss possible participation in the future.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting April 24, 2023