

NEW HOPE PARKS & REC BOARD MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

AGENDA

- ❖ Meeting will be called to order.
- ❖ Roll call/attendance taken.
- ❖ Review/Approval of November meeting minutes (no meeting in December)

Finances:

Financial Reports provided by Christina Szabo and are attached. Review/ Q&A re financials.

New Business:

- We have someone interested in joining our board! Her name is Diana Williams. Hopefully her paperwork will be completed in time for February meeting. I have invited Diana to join us tonight so she has an idea of what our meetings are like.
- Speaking of next month's meeting, I will again be away and need someone to lead the meeting in my absence. Discussion.
- I have been contacted by both Laurie McHugh/Council Person and Gloria Broeker/Chair of Shade Tree Commission regarding the possibility of combining efforts on the 'green roof' and the borough complex grounds. STC planted several trees during the Fall in that area and would like to discuss future plantings and renovations. I am meeting with her on Tuesday, 1/24 @ 10am in the Community Room if anyone would like to attend.

We have talked about needing to put the green roof on hold until we get Lenape, the Visitor Ctr, and Ferry Landing done but perhaps with their help could begin to move forward sooner rather than later.

Old Business:

- Progress on renovation projects: Lenape Park/Visitor Ctr/Green Roof

Randy and I will be meeting with Peter Gray and Matt Decker on Friday, 1/20 to go over our planting lists. Randy has done another awesome job of creating a thorough planting list for both the Visitor Center and Ferry Landing. I thank Randy for all of the time & effort that went into this! Peter had mentioned that he would like to incorporate those areas into one landscaping bid along with LENAPE Park. Ferry Landing has so much potential with the right plantings. Same with Visitor Center.

I did finally get a proposal from Nanni Electric for the lighting in Lenape Park. I don't believe he actually checked the wiring bc he mentions 'unknowns ie wiring & fixtures' in his quote. He is basically quoting us to change out all of the light bulbs. We already know that some of the fixtures are broke. The other electrician did a very thorough examination of the park. I know bc I was with him in the pouring rain! He showed me what was broken as well as the wiring issues. He also explained that merely replacing the bulbs that we currently use would be a huge waste of money bc they don't last long & are extremely expensive. What he proposed was changing out the outdated/inefficient fixtures that we have with a new system that uses a more efficient & cheaper bulb, provides better lighting, and can be adjusted as we like with colors for holidays and special occasions.

We are hopeful that everything can be hashed out very soon so that it can all be brought before Council for their approval. There is another meeting scheduled for Friday, 1/20, with Peter Gray & Matt Decker to go over everything that has been submitted. At our last meeting, Peter said that he would begin work on the actual proposal for Council and bid language. Once officially approved by Council, a public bid notice can be posted.

Next meeting: February 27, 2023

Meeting adjourned