

New Hope Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes- 1/24/2023

Meeting was called to order.

Present were Beth Hasher (chair), Randy Ragasto, Bev Okulicz, Stephanie Nagy (on speaker phone) , Louise Feder, Joanne Zuckerman

Minutes from the November meeting were approved and seconded

The Finance Report was discussed and approved. There was some discussion of an invoice from The Living Earth. Beth will check as there is a line item in the financial report.

Diana Williams will be joining the committee She was present and observing the meeting from the audience. Hopefully her paperwork will be approved by the February.

Beth Hasher will not be able to attend and run February Meeting Joanne Zuckerman volunteered to run the meeting in her absence.

Beth Hasher discussed her contact with Laurie McHugh/Council Person and Gloria Broeker/Chair of Shade Tree Commission about the possibility of combining efforts on the Green Roof and Canopy Shade trees. STC planted several trees on the borough complex grounds and one at Ferry Landing.

We discussed putting the Green Roof on hold until Lenape Park, the Visitors' Center and Ferry Landing are complete

UPDATE: 1/24 Beth Hasher met with STC members, She explained our 3 priorities. They seemed interested in working with us in an advisory capacity. They are interested in native plants. Beth explained that we have a professional plan for our 3 areas of priority.

They invited us to join their Arbor Day Festivities on 4/28 that will be held in conjunction with the New Hope Historical Society.

We discussed bids for the installation and purchase on plant materials for the 3 projects. Randy has completed a list of the necessary purchases. The borough is concerned about the cost so it may have to be pared back.

UPDATE 1/24 Randy has submitted the bid for plant materials to Feeney's Nursery. This includes Japanese Maples, Hollys and 5 gallon shrubs.

The water source for Lenape Park was discussed

UPDATE 1/24 We are responsible for the water source as it is our property. According to Matt, Mark from MISU is coming to look at the problem and hopefully fix it. Matt felt that Mark would be able to handle it and we did not need a plumber. We should have the outcome by the beginning of February.

Electricity in Lenape Park was discussed. Fixing it will come out of the town's budget- Park Improvement Special Project Nanni Electric did not put their proposal in writing but it seemed

around \$3800. He did not include the cost of “unknowns eg wiring and fixtures. Chattary Electric presented a more thorough bid that included everything at \$8000. It should be noted that the original pump company will fit the pump for \$3000.

There were some comments from the audience about other areas that need improvement. It was explained that we are prioritizing Lenape, Park, the Visitor’s Center and Ferry Landing at this time. We hope to get to the other areas as soon as these are complete.

The meeting was adjourned.