**MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

PRESENT: Wesley Posvar, Lois Folino, Jay Troutman, Jim Pashek, Dotty Nielson, Susan Crookston, Members; Gary Koehler, Borough Manager; Dempsey Bruce**,** PWD Superintendent; David Laux, Police Chief; Shawn Peterson, Accountant/Analyst; Jessica DeMoise, resident.

ABSENT: Liz Nelson, Nancy Fales, Members.

Mr. Posvar called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

* Chief Laux was in attendance to discuss the dog park reinstatement of a Borough resident. It was determined that this matter is not a Park Commission issue but rather a legal matter to be determined by the magistrate and insurance carrier.
* There are several applicants for the Park Commission. Jay Troutman made a motion to accept the nomination of Mark Schiller, Jessica DeMoise, and Carey Casey Leemhuis, and accept the resignation of Nancy Fales and Dotty Nielson. The motion was unanimously approved and referred to Borough Council for approval.
* Over 40 people attended the public meeting for the Hardie property held by Mayor Alex Scott and Wesley Posvar on September 4, 2019. Dotty Nielson commended their presentation on bringing excitement to the acquisition of the Hardie property.
* The RFP for the park planner was emailed to 4 candidates on August 29, 2019, said RFP follows the guidelines of DCNR. The response deadline is September 23, 2019. There will be a 90-day Commission/Borough review and the possibility of a speacial meeting arranged to discuss submissions, view presentations and interview the candidates.
* Dempsey began winterizing the pipes at the Hardie property. There are two pipes on the property that need flushed but flush trucks cannot access the property due to the narrow drive. Dempsey was given permission by the Park Commission to widen the drive so that trucks and emergency vehicles can pass through with ease.
* Review and update of the Parks Master Plan will continue, but the completion date has been deferred pending final determination of the Hardie property.
* Lois talked about the erosion of Riding Meadow Trail due to flooding and blockages from the creek. Dotty and Nancy are marking areas of concern with orange tape on the Trillium Trail where trees are damaging fencing. The lower trail could be lost in the future due to the erosion of the stream. Wes discussed two ditch areas filled with water in Salamander Park where Dempsey will place river gravel to help with drainage.
* A motion was made by Jay Troutman that the police department discontinue warnings for permit parking violaters and move to citations only. The motion was unanimously approved. The Park Commission thanked Officer Donald Stoner for his consistent enforcement of the parking permits.
* Jim Pashek talked about the Welcome Garden Project. He suggested letting the stilt grass grow and no longer mow the area. He also talked about meandering the stream with possible flowering shrubs or meadow flowers. He will continue work on the project.
* Jim Pashek also discussed his three options for park benches: black locust wood, recycled plastic, or a standard bench. The Commission decided to relax the expectations and allow Jim to explore more options for benches.
* Jay Troutman made a motion for Jim Pashek to work with Gary Koehler and proceed with a DCNR grant for funding a pickleball/ basketball/ ice rink for McCahill Park. The motion was unanimously approved.
* A trail map project will be considered when the park planner has completed work on the Hardie property. The directional maps will be placed along the trails.
* The next scheduled meeting is December 9, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.