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

PRESENT: Wesley Posvar, Chairperson; Jay Troutman, Jim Pashek, Susan Crookston, Carrie Casey Leemhuis, Liz Nelson, Mike Schiller, Jessica DeMoise Members; Gary Koehler, Borough Manager; Alex Scott, Mayor; Shawn Peterson, Accountant/Analyst; Dottie Nielson, Emerita.

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Stein, Betsy Monroe, Mandy Steele, Abagael Whittingham

ABSENT: Lois Folino, Member.

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

The minutes of September 9, 2019, meeting were unanimously approved.

* Jim Pashek gave an update on the Hardie Master Plan on behalf of Pashek +MTR. The preliminary results of the Master Plan survey show that 11% of residents have taken the survey to date. The Borough will Nixle residents to remind them to take the survey and attend the meeting on December 12, 2019. There are two public meetings scheduled for December 12, 2019, and January 15, 2020, to discuss the Hardie Property.
* Liz Nelson gave an update on the Welcome Garden Project. The goal is to start by planting at least three Sycamore trees. They are a hearty tree that is native to the area and can tolerate flooding. The Park Commission will request a 2020 donation from the Fox Chapel Garden Club for the planting of trees in the Borough. Liz also asked that the Public Works Department halt additional mowing of the garden area.
* Abbie Whittingham joined the Park Commission to give an update on Annie’s Field Project at McCahill Park. They have joined together with the Pittsburgh Foundation to help raise money for the project. Information on how to donate will be provided.
* The Commission was informed that the DCNR grant for the Hardie property purchase is underway. The Commission decided to wait until the new year to coordinate a second DCNR grant application for other pending projects.
* During the park steward report, Betsy Monroe talked about the concern with washout areas on Old Squaw Trail to Scott Park. There is also concern with drainage on the upper trail. As for the Trillium Trail, it was discussed that part of the Xen Trail might need to be closed. It was decided to discuss trail standards as part of the Hardie Park planning process. Drainage conditions and sewer construction damage will need to be addressed by Public Works.
* New Commission members were asked to select a park area for their park steward assignment and report to Wes at the next meeting.
* Jim Pashek will continue to look for material suited for park benches.
* Wesley Psovar will be giving a presentation on January 29, 2020, to the Fox Chapel Garden Club.
* The next regular commission meeting will be on April 13, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.