

MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMITTEE

November 14, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. The members present were Mike Guadagnino, Steve Saliani, Lee Haymon, Nancy Larkin, Sandra Coira and Councilman Robert Knapp, liaison.
2. Salute to the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mike read the meeting announcement:

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, duly announced, advertised and posted in the municipal building.

Open to the public:

Joe Koscieley, 169 Long Hill Road: the resident had a few questions about Great Oak Park which were answered accordingly by members of the committee.

Erich Kamm: He appeared on behalf of the Environmental Commission. He indicated that the Environmental Commission appointed a subcommittee to review Great Oak Park and the work being performed in the park. He stated that Environmental Commission believes that there should not be any work being done without a broader plan.

Chairman Guadagnino indicated that there is a broad plan that has been in place for over seven years. He explained that that Shade Tree Commission, the Borough engineer and DEP have been involved throughout the process. He explained that the clear cutting is completed and now the work being performed involves clearing brushing in and around the great lawn area.

Mr. Kamm inquired whether a traffic study has been performed. Chairman Guadagnino explained that the Police Department has been involved and has given an estimate on the number of parking spots required for the park.

Mr. Kamm stated that he was asking on behalf of the Environmental Commission for all work to stop for the time being in order to allow time for the DEP to submit their LOI report. The Committee recommended that a subsequent meeting should be held with members of the Environmental Commission and the Borough Engineer to provide an update and more information to the Environmental Commission regarding the work being performed at the park.

4. **Dog Park Subcommittee Discussion:** Ryan Schwertzfeger presented a concept drawing for the Dog Park. He informed the committee that the Shade Tree Commission had been involved in the recommendation of which trees should be planted and which trees were invasive and should be removed. The Commission thanked Ryan for his work and looked upon the drawing favorably.

5. **Work Session**

1. **Great lawn:** Mike reported that the LOI is due to come in hopefully by the end of this year.
 2. **Stream Cleanup:** Lee Haymon stated that he was hoping to a stream cleanup done next year. They were unable to get one scheduled this year.
 3. **Girl Scout Signs:** The signs are up. There are five of them.
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6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. The next meeting will be held December 18, 2018, in the Danny D'Elia building at 7:00 p.m.