

INEW HOPE PARKS & REC BOARD MEETING, MONDAY JULY 25, 2022

AGENDA

Meeting will be called to order.

Roll call/attendance taken.

Approval/acceptance/corrections of minutes from meeting on June 27, 2022

Financial Reports provided by Christina Szabo and are attached.

Old Business:

- Story Time Event On The Green Roof

The dates when the community room is available (inclement weather):

Wednesdays: 9/14, 9/28, 10/5

Thursdays: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29

Need to decide on:

>Set a date for event ~ Do we have story tellers yet?

>plan to refresh/refurbish the green roof area: weed ~ add containers w/ colorful plants

>2 large concrete containers still need to be moved to green roof

>Wrought iron furniture needs to be cleaned & spray painted. This could wait as we will need to set up chairs and the furniture may take up too much room. Thoughts on this?

>advertising of event ... RSVP? Email blasts, posts, posters

>snacks/beverages

>Never heard back from scout troop so no help there

- Repairs to Lenape Park

Tom Carroll and his crew got the water feature running for this season. I have been advised that even though it's running, there are still electrical issues/updates needed that carry with them safety concerns. More on Lenape Park under 'new business'.

- Visitor Center

Kevin Ellenberg of Affordable Landscaping has sent a proposal to do the gardens around the VC. That is attached. To date, his is the only one that I have. I was also going to contact Glen Stephan of Stephan Design Ctr about putting the jail doors back up (pro-bono) once the gardens are complete. The window baskets/urns that we did prior to July 4th had a huge impact on making the building look more attractive. Dare I say it went from an eyesore to a lovely spot where I have personally witnessed folks taking photos with the VC as a backdrop.

New Business:

Lenape Park & Visitor Center Refresh or Redo

There has been discussion regarding the condition and appearance of Lenape Park as well as the Visitor Ctr. Hugh Marshall was nice enough to come out and give his thoughts. His first concern was the fact that it is all well and good to spend the money needed to get these areas looking beautiful again, however if they are not regularly maintained we are throwing money out the window. Aside from that, Hugh agrees that the park is in bad shape and in need of (but not limited to) the following:

-some areas of the hardscape are trip/safety hazards. Lots of uneven blocks and tops of low walls are loose as well.

-electrical issues with water feature; lighting

-trees need to be limbed up and or trimmed; same for some shrubs

-beds need new soil, plant materials

-walkways need new sand gravel

-lighting throughout park

-mulch throughout

This all seems overwhelming but he also suggested that if we are unable to do it all at once, break it down and prioritize to get it done over a period of time. We didn't even get to the Visitor Center.

Either way, Lenape will be a very expensive project and will require fundraising or grants

Fundraising: direct approach along with a few fundraisers

Grants: Talk to Sen Wendi Thomas and Sen. Santorini about what is out there in State grants or with other groups.

Gardening Committee Update

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: Monday, August 22, 2022

