

**NEW HOPE PARKS & REC BOARD MEETING, MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Meeting will be called to order.
- ❖ Roll call/attendance taken.
- ❖ Review/Approval of October meeting minutes.

**Finances:**

Financial Reports provided by Christina Szabo and are attached. Review/ Q&A re financials.

**New Business:**

- Decorating throughout town will be done on Tuesday, 11/29 & Wednesday, 11/30 with additional time as needed. Randy is getting greens, sticks, and other fillers needed for urns & hayracks. Public Works will be putting up lit figures in Lenape and help with other lighting needs. They are also helping with cleanout of urns prior to decorating. Some folks are getting bows, magnolia, holly. Our decorating is an “all hands on deck” event to get it done quickly and prior to the weekend of 12/3. If you know of anyone interested in helping, please invite them! Listing attached.
- I attended a Chamber meeting to ascertain their plans to be sure we don't duplicate or compete. They will be doing a Santa at least one weekend @ Visitor Center. I would suggest that we stick with mailbox this year and get the word out earlier for letters. Eileen did a wonderful job on an advertisement for Santa letters. See attached! Santa/Eagle will pickup our letters on Sun, 12/18 as they do their annual drive thru the borough. The Chamber will host the lighting of the Menorah on the 18<sup>th</sup> as well. They will be inviting all folks connected to the borough, including Council. Please try to attend this solemn ceremony for the first night of Hanukkah.
- The NH Chamber is spending a ton of money to really do up the town nicely for the holidays and have brought back the holiday parade (Sun 12/4). They are putting new lights on the Visitor Center but we will need to decorate the window boxes on the building. I've asked that the 2 urns be stored till Spring. Less to decorate!
- We would like to decorate 'old Odette's. Discussion on that request via FODC & State Parks system. Not looking good at this point in time.
- Borough Admin has suggested moving the time of our meetings up to 6:30. Thoughts?

- I would like to get everyone's info: address, cell phone #.

### **Old Business:**

- **Progress on renovation projects: Lenape Park/Visitor Ctr/Green Roof**  
Randy has worked diligently @ planning and listing a comprehensive list of perennials and annuals for Lenape Park. Many thanks to him for his time & effort!  
We have had several tree services out for estimates regarding the removal of a few trees. Waiting on estimates for cost.  
An electrician has given a quote on new lights throughout the park, including the pond and the gazebo. We hope to get 2 more for comparison.  
Cleanout of beds, new soil, new pea gravel in pathways, plantings, and mulch will fall under the landscape contractor bid.  
We are hopeful that Public Works can repair the hardscape issues to save money. We also talked about installing a few large slate blocks on the outside of the entrance via Bridge Street. It is very unwelcoming with overgrown shrubs and weeds. Landscaping should improve that tremendously but a defined hardscape coming off Bridge Street would really enhance this area.  
Pond: we will get the contractor out that installed it to give an estimate. We could also opt for no repair and filling it with river jack and seasonal urns, etc.  
The gazebo needs to be painted. I received an estimate from a local painter of \$850. With new lighting around the top and a new fixture inside, it will look amazing.

**Next meeting: Decision to hold December meeting because of holidays – vote on this.**

**Meeting adjourned**