

Park Improvement Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7 @ 7:30PM, Library Community Room

Committee Members Present

Frank Ryan

Shannon Quinn

Mike O'Donnell

Richard Thomasey

Thomas Moskal

Jeremiah Carnes

Michael Conahan

Kristen Bennett

Stephen Greco

Marie Filik

Committee Member(s) Not Present

Spencer Durkin

Other Attendees

Mark Stitt, Parks Supervisor DPW

4 members of the public

1. Meeting opened at 7:35pm
2. Roll Call
3. 1/3/22 Minutes (accepted by Shannon Quinn, second Todd Nicolay, Abstain- Stephen Greco)
4. Parks & Recreation
 - a. Mark Stitt, park supervisor for DPW addressed the group giving a summary of projects.
 - i. Dog waste stations added at all the parks.
 - ii. Water fountain at High School track field
 - iii. New Garbage cans for the parks
 - iv. Remedy of recent increase in graffiti (spray paint) activity
 - v. Bigger project of the back of track by football field. Work in progress. Improving appearance and making it more walkable by clean up and adding wood chips, adding park benches in 2024 etc.
 - b. Discussion with Mark
 - i. Rock salt usage at VCP.—difficult to prevent rock salt levels in water due to the state salting RT. 28. Mark looking into adding beet juice into the pond to help combat levels but its pricey.

- ii. Monarch butterflies- It was suggested to use foliage not bushes (because they are invasive). Mark's focus is on clean-up and proper placement.
 - iii. Park clean-ups planned through Clean Communities. 8-9 cleanups done through Clean Communities in the past year. Next cleanup is 3/27/23
- 5. Grant Updates
 - a. Spencer Durkin and Jeremiah Carnes expressed interest in leading the Grant Research Subcommittee.
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Bylaws
 - i. Richard Thomasey working on this.
 - b. Mission statement
 - i. Rough draft to approve for next meeting.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Stephen Greco mentioned that the HUD committee funding has been allocated but pending approval for refurbishing Osterman Park.
- 8. Correspondence-NONE
- 9. Committee Comments- NONE
- 10. Public Comments-
 - a. Rich Hendrzak, 38 Mohawk Avenue
 - i. Wanted to know if this committee has a budget (no budget, pursuing grants.)
 - ii. Wanted to know who is responsible for Mountain View Park (Borough park, Green Acres property)
 - iii. Noted that tennis courts need clean-up/touch-up. Tennis gates broken, nets ripped. Mr. Hendrzak suggested blocking the road going into tennis courts since vehicles sometimes drive onto it.
 - iv. Requested track lights to be on at night.
- 11. Adjourn Meeting at 8:25pm by Greco, seconded by Quinn.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, April 4, 2023