

# Park Improvement Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday April 4 @ 7:30PM, Library Community Room

## Committee Members Present

Mike O'Donnell  
Richard Thomasey  
Thomas Moskal  
Jeremiah Carnes  
Spencer Durkin  
Kristen Bennett  
Todd Nicolay  
Michael Conahan  
Stephen Greco

## Committee Member(s) Not Present

Frank Ryan  
Shannon Quinn

## Other Attendees

2 members of the public

1. Meeting opened at 7:40pm
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes- (accepted by Steve Greco, second Kristen Bennett)
4. Workshop
  - a. Subcommittees-Victor Cromwell Park (VCP) & Mountain View Park (MVP)
    - i. Oak Drive near hill (between bridge and sled hill) due to rain ground always wet. Due to rain with a little work could re-direct to drain.
    - ii. Suggested VCP committee look into walking trail so people do not have to walk on Raritan Rd or Rt 22 (a cut through to the Memorial area)
    - iii. Tom Moskal brought up a concern by resident on Ashland rd. and oak dr. property for hillside clean-up project; looking to see if mark DPW can flag/mark out lines of Middlesex property or check/confirm area of clean up. (Response: *With what we own we will do a clean-up with blowing out the leaves and cutting/trimming as well in the next few weeks. Later on in the year we will redo it again with the fall clean up to get it to a point where a lawn mower can cut on it. -Mark Stitt Middlesex DPW Parks*)
    - iv. Frank Ryan was appointed chairperson of the VCP committee. Mike O'Donnell to chair MVP committee. Chairpersons to coordinate with their subcommittee to meet and establish goals for future meeting review.
    - v. Committees to also look at little parks. Thomasey will make a list of the parks and their locations.

5. Old Business

- a. Thomas Moskal to share Mission Statement. Mission statement: *Our mission is to enrich the lives of the residents of Middlesex Borough by planning, developing, and maintaining parks and open spaces; providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities all while preserving natural areas and maximizing public enjoyment and community needs.*  
*Focused around there key themes: health: environment, community*
- b. Rich Thomasey to provide by-laws for all to review.
- c. Tennis Courts- Courts were cleaned up; the fix cracks-resurfacing of the courts is slated for this year; Conahan to confirm.

6. New Business

- a. Community Garden at MVP- Is it getting enough sunlight? Eventually, more community gardens are planned in different areas of town.
- b. Idea to compile and promote a list of walking trails in our town.
- c. Idea for a Fitness Park at VCP

7. Correspondence-NONE

8. Committee Comments- NONE

9. Public Comments-NONE

10. Adjourn Meeting at 8:23pm by Bennett, seconded by Nicolay.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, May 2, 2023