

# Park Improvement Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ 7:30PM, Library Community Room

## Committee Members Present

Jeremiah Carnes  
Kristen Bennett  
Todd Nicolay  
Michael Conahan  
Stephen Greco  
Shannon Quinn  
Spencer Durkin

## Committee Member(s) Not Present

Mike O'Donnell  
Richard Thomasey  
Thomas Moskal  
Frank Ryan

## Other Attendees

Mark Stitt, Parks Supervisor

## 2 members of the public

1. Meeting opened at 7:33pm
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes- (accepted by Stephen Greco, second Shannon Quinn)
4. Chairperson report
  - a. 'Victor the Rock Snake'- Resident AnnMarie Kleiber talked about overwhelming response to the Victor the Rock Snake Project. He will be in the park until September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Looking for suggestions on what to do with the rocks. Participants can take back their rocks and/or suggestion was making a planter in the shape of the coiled snake using the rocks that could be displayed at the park.
  - b. Benches on 28 near MVP look great!
5. Subcommittee Report
  - a. Mountain View Park (MVP)
    - i. Meeting directly after this meeting.
  - b. Victor Crowell Park (VCP)
    - i. Meeting Next Month
6. Old Business
  - a. NONE
7. New Business

a. NONE

8. Correspondence

a. International Clean-up Day is 9/16/23. Volunteers need to help clean up MVP. Register on Raritan Watershed website; Pizza Center donating lunch for the volunteers.

9. Public Comments

a. Don Klein, 401 Melrose Avenue; expressed concern about development behind his house and the possibility to continue Willow Drive. *Parks Committee spoke to idea of walking trails and cannot speak to other future of VCP.*

b. An unknown resident expressed concern that due to the GB Flood Commission Flood control project 25 acres of trees were removed. Resident is asking for the Parks committee to look for opportunities to replant trees. *Referred resident to the Shade Tree Committee.* Resident also asked if water testing of VCP was handled by Parks committee. *No, Mark Stitt, Parks Supervisor, is working to have the water tested through RVCC.*

10. Committee Member Comments

a. Jeremiah Carnes discussed the possible future of Lincoln Park. The statue may qualify for historical preservation and if and goes through and it on the National Registry; may qualify for grants.

11. Adjourn Meeting at 8:06pm by Shannon Quinn seconded by Kristen Benett

Next Meeting- Tuesday, October 3, 2023