

# Park Improvement Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday February 6, 2024 @ 7:30PM, Library Community Room

## Committee Members Present

Shannon Quinn  
Mike O'Donnell  
Spencer Durkin  
Richard Thomasey  
AnnMarie Kleiber  
Kristen Bennett  
Todd Nicolay  
Stephen Greco  
Frank Ryan  
Thomas Moskal  
Michael Conahan (Council Liaison)

## Committee Member(s) Not Present

Douglas Rex (Council Liaison)

## Public/Borough staff

Michael LaPlace, Borough Administrator  
Lenny Vidal, Superintendent CPWM  
Claire Lebourne

1. Meeting opened at 7:31pm
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes- (accepted by Rich Thomasey, second Shannon Quinn)
4. Chairperson report
  - i. Review of dates/locations for 2024 meetings.
5. Subcommittee Report
  - a. Mountain View Park (MVP)
    - i. Goal is to have the fences/lights installed before baseball/softball season begins.
  - b. Victor Crowell Park (VCP)
    - i. Rich Thomasey suggested the official designation of passive versus active parks in town. Active parks would have big open spaces like MVP accommodating larger crowds, active pursuits like baseball, soccer, tennis, etc. Passive parks are smaller parks that have smaller crowds and seasonal noise levels and offer walking, running, small playgrounds etc. *Michael LaPlace indicated that the Borough's Master Plan adopted last year may have passive/active parks designations listed. Michael Conahan to provide copy of the Master Plan to the committee to see if passive/active parks are laid out in it.*
    - ii. Suggestion by Rich Thomasey to promote VCP as a wedding/photography location for permit revenue.
  - c. Updates from Lenny Vidal(DPW)
    - i. MVP upgrades-
      1. Horseshoe pitchers are ok with removing some courts.
      2. Borough does not have funding to add on pickle ball court.
      3. The top "Tot Park" will not get redone. The swings are okay and the slide will be replaced on the toddler attraction.
      4. New ADA compliant restroom to be installed.
      5. Shooting for September start.

- ii. VCP Updates
    - 1. VCP playground installed.
    - 2. Over the winter, Michael LaPlace writing RFP to find the right firm to help create the right plan for park taking into account environment, history and design. LaPlace suggested that Parks Committee members help review the RFPS.
    - 3. Identify a contractor to paint, stain, etc. the garage.
  - iii. Other Park updates
    - 1. Looking at a small toddler attraction for Fitzsimmons. Would like to address the basketball courts as well.
    - 2. Cook- funding an ADA compliant playground by a local recreation 100K grant with a Borough deposit of 30K. Need to address ADA compliancy of getting to the playground; may need cement or blacktop walkway.
    - 3. Haverstick- foul ball netting was donated. To be installed in milder weather to be able to sink in poles (like set up at batting cages)
6. Old Business
- a. NONE
7. New Business
- a. Shannon Quinn introduced AnnMarie Kleiber to the committee as its newest member. AnnMarie worked towards getting photos of the dog park added to the parks page of the website. She suggested using the display case in the library to promote the parks in town.
8. Correspondence
- a. None
9. Public Comments
- a. Claire Levourne asked about the status of the MVP community garden. The consensus was that it probably was not going to be in place for this growing season.
10. Committee Comments
- a. Kristin Bennett suggested adding something to the small pocket parks like a bench. Benches could be funded as memorial benches.
11. Adjourn Meeting at 8:17pm by Kristen Bennett second by Shannon Quinn  
Next Meeting-March 5, 2024