

## **MADISON PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 15, 2023**

NEXT MEETING: April 19, 2023, 7:30 PM , Trustees Room at Hartley Dodge Memorial. Please notify the Chair if unable to attend.

PRESENT: C. Coultas, T. Crimmins, D. Mantone, D. Miller, J. Taylor, G. Thomas and Rachel Ehrlich, Council Representative.

PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: The Open Public Meeting Statement was read by the Chair.

MINUTES: Motion made and passed to accept the minutes as written from the February meeting. Motion - Taylor Second - Thomas

- A. PARKSIDE PARK: Needs more tree maintenance. 50 trees need to be removed. Plan is to complete in a one year period.
- B. MEMORIAL PARK STMB PLAN: 124 trees in poor condition (mostly Ash) . Plan is to remove over a three year period.
- C. DOG PARK:
  - 1. Still very wet condition.
  - 2. Concern if permission is needed from DEP to mediate the park surface.
  - 3. Will follow up on this. (Pea gravel, chips, grass suggested)
  - 4. Tom Salaki suggests a sturdy grass but that would need the dog park being shut down while the grass is getting established.
- D. SUMMERHILL PARK:
  - 1. Park very overgrown on the Ridgedale side with invasive Japanese Knotweed.
  - 2. Need to get the Parks Plan done and presented to Council.
  - 3. Important to do both short and long term projects.
  - 4. Do a survey of invasive plants growing in the park.
  - 5. Use Google Doc to help with planning. Create a paper map.
  - 6. Possible Eagle Scout project to add information kiosks at Summerhill, Memorial and MRC Parks.
- E. PARKS PLAN: Consider focusing on Livesey Park instead of Memorial as Memorial has received improvement grants. Committee to review further and approve for resubmission to Borough ASAP
- F. ROTARY PROJECT: Possible project proposed by the Madison Rotary Club to plant trees to commemorate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

G. COUNCIL UPDATE:

1. Tree removals needed or done. (Mostly Ash)
2. Dodge Field Playground bathroom had been refurbished by the Borough.
3. Moving ahead with the Pickleball/basketball court.
4. Memorial Park – New bid requests successful for trail improvements.
5. Dog Park surface material options being reviewed.
6. No further information on the James Park Art Walk.
7. Combine Arbor Day with May Day – New name “Madison Green and Clean”
8. Educate the Community with best practices for the environment.  
Example: Keep leaves as mulch.
9. Better information available on our Parks Plan. Get the Community behind it. Contact Green Groups to provide input on Parks Plan. Include education as a component.

H. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Committee is planning a walk to open the new trail at the MRC. Hoping to involve other Green Groups as well.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.  
Motion - Taylor Second - Thomas

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathie Coultas, Secretary