

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 20, 2022

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2022, 7:30 PM, Trustees Room at Hartley Dodge Memorial

PRESENT: C. Coultas, D. Mantone, D. Miller, J. Taylor Ken Obrien – DPW, and Rachel Ehrlich, Council Liaison and Chair of this meeting.

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT READ:

The Council liaison read the statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Council was provided by transmitting a copy of the meeting notice to the Madison Eagle and Morris County Daily Record, posting a copy on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, and filing a copy in the office of the Clerk, all on January 6, 2022. This Notice was made available to members of the general public."

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Rachel Ehrlich, Council Representative at 7:37 PM. Meeting held virtually on Zoom.

ATTENDEES INTRODUCTION:

PARKS MASTER PLAN:

- A. Master Plan developed by Tom Salaki and presented to Council. Not met with approval due to the cost.
- B. Suggestion for Tom to give us an update with the focus on developing a priority list. Look at focusing on 3 or 4 parks.
- C. Ken O'Brien also supported the idea of processing the needs and establishing a list of priorities.
- D. Parks suggested – Summerhill, Delbarton and Memorial
- E. Could revisit the Master Plan but break down into smaller projects.
- F. Suggested partnering with FMST, STMB, Garden Club, Madison Rotary and neighborhood groups.
- G. Council member Ehrlich reported that the Borough has applied for a grant to refurbish Dodge Field.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. James Park Art Walk – Council Representation will contact Lisa Ells about this.
- B. Summer Nature Program: Need to contact Zach Ellis to see if this is possible and if there will be funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Big Tree project: Cathie Coultas reported there was interest in making the

Community more aware of the landmark trees.

1. Add the trees to a Borough Map.
2. Develop a walking tour to include Landmark trees on public and private property.

B. Solar Carport Project - (John Taylor)

1. Three sites being reviewed for possible solar panels – MRC, Community Pool Parking Lot and John Street.
3. Reportedly 220 homes may be run from the electrical power created.
4. Lots of discussion pending and possible changes expected.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Motion – Taylor Second – Miller

Respectfully submitted,
Cathie Coultas