LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

March 19, 2025
6:00 PM

Staff:
Victoria Lichman
Ken Battin
Dawn Maciejczyk

Board Members:
Barry Glicklich
Monique Summerfield
Heide Harper

Guests:
Ed Nespoli
TR Moser

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3. **RECOGNITION OF GUEST**

4. **APPROVAL/CORRECTION** of the minutes.
   - **February 19, 2025**

   Barry/Monique: Approved.

5. **PARK REPORT**
   - **Park**

     Victoria: Men's bathroom door has been fixed. Bridge posts are not yet fixed
     Barry: Are we looking to reinforce it?
     Victoria: With reinforcement it would then make it possible to do more damage. If you have 1 post attached to 10 post and someone tries to break it, then you could make it easier to break all of them at once.
     Barry: I don't think that is correct.
     Victoria: Sylvia Green memorial (tree) will be planted next month. Unknown date currently. They will take care of planting and watering until it sticks on its own, it will be along the trail path near the gardens.

   - **Dog Park**

     Victoria: Lots of holes are being dug by dogs. Holes are filled, then re-dug.
     Monique: We've raised it as an issue and done self-policing, there is a sign board with the roads, and if we can put that front and center of the entry gate instead of off the side.

- **Community Garden**

  Victoria: Please confirm that 4CY of mulch/soil is what is needed so that order can be made.
  Heide: Where is it being ordered from?
  Victoria: Same person from last time (Lee).
  Also related to the garden, if someone has requested a plot, I'd like to confirm that we are allowing it, rather than holding second plots for gardeners. Doesn't seem fair, also takes away from those who would like to use to gardens. There have been emails coming into the gardens and Mary has not responded to new comers, yet sent a response to others. I don't want anyone to feel like they aren't having an opportunity and having a fair shot, espically if someone gets 2 plots and another person hasn't even been allowed one, when they are in the township and now is the time for them to be accepted to have one.
  Barry/Heide/Monique: All in agreement that we will not say no to anyone because someone has 2 plots before someone can have one plot.
  Victoria: I think the issue came about because 2 plots were offered to returning gardeners prior to the time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- **Volunteer Schedule (March/2025 Schedule)**

  Barry: Should we use the waivers for volunteer days and have them available for someone to sign off on.
  Barry: This should not be needed since it hasn't been used previously.
  Heidi/Monique: Yes
  Barry: Anything else that happens during volunteer days that I'm unaware of.
  Heidi: If we can get people to help shovel and wheel barrel.
  Barry: That should be for the gardens volunteer day.
  Monique: There were signs out last year, do we still have those to use?
  Victoria: If we do have signs, they should be in the shed. The volunteer day was also posted on Facebook, and did get some likes/shares.
  Heidi: Will we give out t-shirts?
  Barry: Yes if they give an email. When are the days for the rest of the year, any date changes?
  Victoria: Yes those days can be changed if needed, I would just let me know sooner rather than later, that way we can potentially post all days for the year on a flyer to send out to let everyone know in advance.
  Barry: Id like to set what is being done for each of the months.
  Heidi/Monique: May is for plant sale.
  Barry: It seems like doing a plant sale, recruitment. Memorial garden should also be on the same day as the garden.
  Barry: Is there a time for April's volunteer day?
  Heidi: Should we do morning?
  Victoria: You can also send out an email to all gardeners and ask what time works best, or have split times for people to come. It would be good to have a sign up also for each gardener to have a week they will need to need to water the memorial garden. I would make a point to make sure that all the gardeners are aware that they are responsible for the gardens and should come to the day to help get everything together.
  Barry: Volunteer days will be Saturday after our monthly meeting.
  Monique: How do we take credit card payments?
  Barry: Can the township set up something?
  Victoria: I can look into if this was just cash. Or if we accepted payments from credit cards.
  Barry: It would be best to get the Friends of the Park zelle information and pay to that.

- **Easter Egg Hunt**

  Victoria: Need volunteers, I would like you all to start asking for volunteers for the event, even if it is just in the morning. Around 200+ have shown interest in the event online. Assuming we might need around 6000 eggs. We have monetary and in-kind donations.

- **By-Laws**

  Barry: *Has paperwork with changes he'd like made*
  Victoria: So the first part says that you would like to allow for electronic notification, it is delivered electronically, would you just like it written?
  Barry: Yes, so that it is legal.

Victoria: Okay. Next Article III Section 2 – since the page shows that this is for Parks and Rec Committee, and you are asking to have this listed again just specially, I think this should be okay as it reads currently.
Barry: If it's not going to be written properly, we can skip correcting it all.
Victoria: Okay, let's move forward.

- **Grant Updates**

Victoria: We have a grant that was submitted for a trail path to connect to Goddard over at Prospect going into West Grove as well as a mini grant for the gardens.
Heidi: Don't we already have 1500 in the budget?
Victoria: This would be free money to use, which can be ontop of the money we have.
Heidi: Do we have a tiller over there, there was a gas powered one before?
Victoria: We can't use power tools over there, the liability is an issue.
Monique: Where is the master plan at currently, I heard that it is moving along and will start this year?
Victoria: So the DCNR grant is open til April 2nd, and then awarded more towards the end of this year, but we have a positive chance in being awarded this and moving along in this process. Im working with the engineer on a budget, but once we proceed we can work on what we are looking for over at the park and what we hope to see implemented.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- **T.R. Moser Presentation: Yeatman**

Ed: Proposing 153 townhomes 153 singles, spread out over parcel. RT 41 and 1 behind PSPA. Have been thought-out multiple settlement agreements with the Township.
Ken: Any time there is a new development, residential or commercial, they need to go through multiple organizations, one is Parks and Rec. What members do is get a grasp of concept, get a look at it and is there any park improvements and if there is not, there is a fee in lieu of development, where the appraised value is paid into the rec fund. What planning commission is looking for is concerns and anything regarding linking trails.
TR: Township consultant did look at plans.
Ed: Northern side will be packs of 4/5/6 townhouses, trees are lined where possible. Also landscaping. Bottom is where singles will be, and have a more scenic look to it. Also you can get from lower to upper area without having to cross any roads. Also buffers have been added as well for noise.
Ken: Project is near Glen Willow.
TR/Ed: Sidewalks will also be throughout the development.
Heide: There is only one entrance?
Ed: There are two entrances, Moxley Road and 41. Bend on Glen Willow is where proposed road will be.
Heidi: Is there a pool or club house?
TR: There is not.
Hedie: Will the main house still be there?
TR/Ed: Yes, that will still exist.
Ken: This land development is unique, this is based on a settlement agreement. This has gone through the courts, but not a lot of changes that can be made. There was a modified agreement that was made, but the basis was set. It will be unlike other development's for the future.
Monique: When do you plan to have this moving along?
TR: Recently got our MDS permit. Anything over an acre needs to be approved by county and DEP. That is for all storm water management. We've been in front of planning commission, were hoping to get final approval. The hope is to have this approval by summer. PennDOT; is doing improvements to the roads. Were at the end of the approval process and it's taken about 3 years now.
Ken: TR, Is there anything that you would need from Parks and Rec? Have you done appraisals or any fee in lieu of?
TR: Fee in lieu of is kind of gray at this point. We are looking at a recommendation from the board.

Ken: Developer has 2 options for fee in lieu of, that amount would be paid up front, but the provision of parks and rec can distribute over time. Which is the most logical way to do it, because of planning/bidding/project cost in the long run. I think one of the recommendations should be that you accept the fee in lieu of based on settlement agreement, and that you have that collected at each permit. It would go from Parks & Rec, to Planning Commission then to the Board of Supervisors.
This is more of a passive recreation with trails and sidewalks. There is a linking sidewalk from the area down to RT 41.
Barry: Where is this going with PennDOT.
Ken: They are making it accessible now and then TR Moser can re-do.
Heide: How many units are there?
Ed: 286.
Ken: This is a lower number than originally planned, and the township was able to modify the number.
Monique: Talking about in lieu of, how do we plan with that, if it's per permit, how do we plan for that?
TR: We have an agreement of how much, I will also need to post a bond.
Ken: I would need a letter to go to the planning commission, to accept the development as presented. With a fee in lieu when each lot building permit is obtained.

8. ADJOURNMENT 7:26PM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 16, 2025