

Bondsville Mill Park Committee Meeting, May 23, 2019

In attendance: Rocky Stone, Sandy Moser, Doug Freeman, Charlie Lindsay, Jim Ladrew, Arne Jensen, Hud Voltz, Jim Buczala, Scott Piersol.

April Minutes: Approved

Volunteer Hours: 252 (Garden and Construction crews)

Gardens Report: Total garden volunteer hours = 160

- Elderberry bushes and button bushes (*ordered or planted?*)
- Sandy has spoken with Kia Pederson about weed spraying
- Nut Trees: Jim B will follow up with Dale Hendricks on the idea of planting nut trees at the Park
- The pergola was moved to a more suitable location to the other side of the mill race and northeast of Building A, a location that overlooks the creek. American Wisteria planted at each corner
- A post and rail fence, supplemented with wire, has been placed along the crest of the hill at the new pergola location (needed for safety reasons). Cost was \$275; approved by BMP Committee
- Deer scam is needed to protect the new dogwood and red bud trees. Cost, with wire from post rail fence: \$250; approved by BMP Committee
- Other work tasks accomplished over the course of the month:
 - Weeding of beds on a regular basis
 - Painting picnic tables
 - Planted Lobelia cardinalis in the hummingbird garden
 - Mulching
 - Hazelnut tree planted by the pergola
 - Deer scam and Irish spring soap placed around baby dogwood trees; fabric softener sheets also later tied to baby dogwoods
 - Cleared area on the north side of the mill race wall and planted new garden
 - Planted 2 sumac trees
- The remainder of the chipping work has been postponed until the Fall
- **Friends of Group:** Currently 80 people are in the group now; 5 to 10 cards are in the Box on the kiosk every week

Construction Report: Total construction volunteer hours = 92

- Roof rafter system is complete; tied into chimneys and stair tower
- Cornice work is the next focus of efforts
- Need to purchase lead coated flashing, to be installed before the shingle work can start; 3 rolls needed at \$300, each. Also need to purchase galvanized nails for wood shingle installation. Total budget for these items: \$1200; approved by BMP Committee (supplier to be J&L). Scott suggested obtaining tax exempt certificate for purchases to reduce costs (taxes).

Trails Report:

- Jim L and Charlie removed large pine tree and large tree just below lower bridge (creek side)
- Lower trail has been weed-wacked and small debris removed
- Need to install stepping stones on lower trail (muddy sections)
- Need to review the status of large dead tree near the trail: Doug and Charlie will head up this task
- Pipes close to the trail were reviewed and found to be stable; no immediate need to be addressed)

Concrete Pad / Horticultural Gardens (Grant Applications / Scope of Work):

- DCNR has asked for additional information regarding our application to them; Hud has provided answers

- Use of garden area in future?:
 - Start having education sessions for soil placement/design; to be led by David Culp
- Timing of Phases?:
 - Start Phase I & II early in 2020; soil education
 - Phase III (plant installation) in 2020 (possible we could use current grant funding)
 - Phase IV (parking lot) in 2021+; Spread crushed concrete to create temporary parking area prior to formal lot construction, if needed
- Timing relative to next grant? Hud will ask Drew Gilcrest (DCNR administrator)

Parking Lot Issues:

- Traffic issues: Communicate with PennDOT regarding traffic slowing concerns in area of Park; Letters from BMP Committee are OK with Scott. Use safety of rowhouse residents to support traffic calming with PennDOT.
- Doug proposed the installation of Post & Rail fences along monument area and parallel to Bondsville Road to help delineate parking area
- Need to prohibit the parking of trailers and trucks in the main parking lot
- Proposed communication to the rowhouse residents for use of the parking area has been drafted by Hud and will be presented to the BOS at their July meeting.

Buildings D & E Scope of Work: Tabled until June meeting

Signs:

- Janet Vogel (PennDOT) got back to Matt and then retired . . .
 - She told Matt that we need to become our own “sign district” regarding signs along the road in the immediate area of the Park
- Update on directional signs to Park: It was suggested that we just add BMP signs to existing directional signs for the Community Park (near the corner of Bondsville Road and Horseshoe Pike).

Budget: To be reviewed in June

- Protocol for inner-meeting spending approval: Hud and Jim will review/approve spending up to \$300 for priority items between meetings; protocol approved by BMP Committee

Marketing/Fundraising:

- Hud will talk to DARC about programs at the Park
- Scott mentioned the Park at the Western Chester County Municipal update meeting
- Need to get a “Donate” button onto the Park’s FB page
- BMP will have an article in the Summer edition of the Mile Marker

Miscellaneous:

- 8th Graders want to set up a fundraiser run at the Park
- There is another group looking to make a movie at the Park; Jim & Luke to meet with Producer later today.
- **Water Tower issues:** The following work has been done to limit trespassing on the tower:
 - 6 “No Trespassing” signs installed
 - Additional wire installed around legs
 - The Police reviewed the above items and liked the improvements

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:15 AM

Next BMP Committee meeting: June 27rd