

## Bondsville Mill Park Committee Meeting, June 27, 2019

In attendance: Rocky Stone, Sandy Moser, Doug Freeman, Jim Ladrew, Arne Jensen, Frank Harvey, Jim Buczala, Bo Wright, Scott Piersol, Luke Reven.

**May Minutes:** Approved

**Volunteer Hours:** 323.5 + (Garden and Construction crews)

**Gardens Report:** Total garden volunteer hours = 173.5

- 06/06 - Cleared invasive plants for pollinator garden. Susan Lindsay supplied Mexican sunflowers plants, a top favorite with pollinators. Sandy grew zinnias and verbena.
- 06/13 – Finished planting pollinator garden; had to drill holes with auger because of rocky soil. Left side growing; right side struggling. Weeding in butterfly garden.
- 06/20 – Pollinator garden: Fairly finished wall erosion control R&N cut vines from baby dogwoods and red bud trees. Added ornamental butterfly weathervane. Doug brought fresh dirt for right side; new plants added.
- Elderberry bushes and button bushes have been purchased; Sandy currently has them in her nursery, as they are small.
- Garden along the Mill Race is coming along nicely.
- **Friends of the Garden:** Up to 120 members, now. Cards coming in at a rate of 5 to 10 per week.
- Brandywine Bluebell seeds being collected now for planting next year.
- The bench being donated by the Giant Food Market should be arriving later this summer; where to place?

**Construction Report:** (Rocky left written summary, but had to leave before start of meeting)

Total construction volunteer hours = 150 + Focus of work on **Building C:**

- Collar tie installation started and about 25% complete.
- Cornice work complete on South side
- Starter Boards installed on South side
- Starter course of shingles started on South side
- 2<sup>nd</sup> delivery of lath and various materials (starters, ridge, and valley boards), about 80% of all need.
- Balance of lath is at the wood mill and will be delivered Monday
- **Note:** The application for credit at J&L Supplies has been obtained (for flashing purchase) and provided to Township administration

**Trails Report:**

- Trail maintenance ongoing; more open areas have growth intruding.
- Tree cleared from upper spruce trail (white trail).
- Arne has been walking and identifying issues regarding maintenance.
- Weed-wacking is needed
- 3 foot-sized squares of pressure treated wood are needed for muddy areas; they could be moved and placed as necessary; Jim Ladrew will bring a proposed design to the July meeting.
- A wheel barrow is needed – Sandy will donate

**Concrete Pad / Horticultural Gardens (Grant Applications / Scope of Work):** Nothing new to report

**Parking Lot Issues:**

- Hud is scheduled to formally introduce the issue to the BOS at their July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Buildings D & E Scope of Work:**

- Jim B prepared a draft Scope of Work for remaining Building work at the Park. This was discussed.
  - It was decided to add work for Building A to the SOW (Arne to provide)
  - The Committee will review the Scope of Work and be prepared to discuss/approve it at the July meeting. Once the SOW is agreed upon, approximate cost of the work can be developed.

**Events:**

- Two Butterfly Programs are scheduled for this Fall: Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and Sept 21<sup>st</sup> to be given by Susan Lindsay and Robin Spurlino, respectively.
- Birding – Need to select viewing areas along the trails and, if necessary, open those areas up for guided group viewing. Sandy and Jim B will set up a meeting with birder to walk the Park for this purpose.
- **Need for an Events Subcommittee?** Right now, things are being planned on an ad hoc basis. Looking forward there is a benefit to setting up a subcommittee for this purpose.
- Nothing new to report on request to use the Park for a movie setting (no discussion subsequent to our May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the producer). But there was discussion at this meeting about a nominal fee to be applied to such an activity to cover the cost incurred by the Township.
- Jim B will be meeting with David Scheffler (LL Bean Community Outreach Coordinator) next week to discuss the potential for his programs at the Park. He plans to attend our July meeting.
- Stacy Halk, the woman who has been running a youth program at the Park and would like to have a formal arrangement to headquarters her program there, is currently on maternity leave; Jim B will follow up with her later this year.

**Signs:**

- Are signs needed to satisfy grant requirements (e.g., PECO and DCNR)? Scott will reach out to PECO. The Township's Open Space signs should satisfy the requirements of the DCNR grants.
- Jim B will talk to Matt VanLew about directional signs to the Park in the Township, and traffic calming in the area of the Park.

**Budget:** \$5389 spent from budget to date.

**Marketing/Fundraising:**

- BMP article appeared in the Township's Summer Mile Marker
- Regarding updating the Facebook page to facilitate donations, Jim B will work with Luke. It was decided not to set up donations directly through FB, but to create a link to the Township's Foundation through the current Pay Pal link.
- Jim B is making connections with other pages on FB, liking as "Bondsville Mill Park". It should help with networking and making connections with people that like similar pages/activities.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:45 AM

**Next BMP Committee meeting:** July 25<sup>th</sup>