

Bondsville Mill Park Committee Meeting, June 23, 2022

In attendance: Rocky Stone, Sandy Moser, Charlie Lindsay, Doug Freeman, Carl Capriotti, Nancy Kirchgasser, Joe Buccella, Jeff Nye, Bruce Rawlings, Hud Voltz, Jim Buczala

Meeting start: 7:34

May Minutes: Approved.

Volunteer Hours for this month: 450 (317 Garden; 133 Construction/Trails Crews)

2022 Budget Status (through 06/22):

- General Fund: \$1732 spent; \$8519 remaining
- Capital Fund: \$19,696 spent; \$55,303 remaining
- Capital Fund Garden Project (grants reimbursable): \$7272 spent; \$115,404 remaining for Phase II work (unchanged from last month)
- Note that adjustments between the General Fund and Capital Fund budgets were made, as summarized last month.
- BMP Committee approved the Financial Report

Construction Report:

Construction Crew volunteer hours this month: **133**

- All work of the crew focused on the Garden Project this month.
- **Garden Project:**
 - 30 reinforced 3' x 6' 3.5" thick 4000 psi concrete slabs were successfully poured; 25 were placed over the tailrace.
 - Work continues on the ramp to the Garden.
 - Joe B brought up the topic of the dolomite screenings to finish the walkways of the Garden:
 - Might be ready for them this Fall
 - Would need to order before the crusher shut down in September
 - Will revisit in August
 - Logistics of hauling have to be worked out: Matt VanLew's crew for transport?

Library Report:

- The Opening was lightly attended.
- Arne put a book return slot into the Park's kiosk.
- The fans put in the library seem to be working, with regard to the moisture issue; Nancy is happy, but it's not a final solution to the problem.
- There was an issue regarding a special needs person in the library that was not being managed/controlled by her care-giver. Rocky will talk to Tom Oeste about language for a sign providing guidance to visitor regarding this issue.
- Rocky: Splits (AC) was discussed but decided to table it until the location of the library was better understood (Building C is still a possibility).
- Charlie will look into a dehumidifier.
- Bob Watts donated a TV to the library; it is installed (Josh's TV didn't work). A donation letter should be issued to him for an in-kind donation.

Gardens Report: Garden Crew volunteer hours this month: **317**

- Gardeners continue to weed.
- Sandy purchased additional mulch for the Butterfly Garden.

- Sam, a student volunteer, is supporting the BMP gardeners to satisfy the 40 hr community service requirement for graduation (there's a potential for 6 more students); he has already logged 15 hrs.
- Sandy requested the use of the excavator for approximately two hours to level the amphitheater floor to handle runoff and prepare for the stone base and benches; Carl offered to operate the machine on an off-day for the Garden Project work.
 - Sandy applied for a grant to support the purchase of stone for the amphitheater.
- Groundhog problem: Sandy can catch them but cannot relocate them and needs help with this. Rocky suggested putting a big rock over all the entrances to the groundhog's home (located in quarry #2).
- **Security System:** Many thanks to the Chester County Beekeepers Association for helping us get this system AND installing it. If not for the CCBA, the system would still be on our wish list. A summary of the system:
 - Beekeeper Mark has said we can add more cameras to the system; it's simply a matter of us buying them. Mark will make the connections.
 - Nancy C has donated a monitor to view the camera videos.
 - **Storage:** We can't save all the footage recorded from the cameras forever with the system that was installed (just not enough storage), but some kind of cloud storage could be useful to save some footage and other documents for the mill.
 - Our security cameras record HD video, which, uncompressed, is approximately 2.5 GB per hour (we have multiple cameras)
 - Our cameras have 2 TB of storage built in and it fills up in about 10 days with the amount of cameras we have.
 - Google Workspace of Non-profits offers 30 GB of free storage (as well as many other added benefits: <https://support.google.com/nonprofits/answer/1614581?hl=en>). Google Workspace for non-profits can be upgraded for a discounted monthly fee to a Business account (\$10/month put towards one google account would afford the Mill more than 2 TB of storage (about 10 days of footage from all our cameras).
 - This issue was discussed by the BMP Committee, and it was decided that the protocol should be to allow the cameras to overwrite in 7 to 10 days, but to select any footage potentially related to an incident in the Park for long term storage.
- **Website:** The bridge repair story/photos will be included in this week's Update. Dan documented the repair process and his photos can be seen on the Park's website. Native Species Day photos have been added.
- **BeeKeepers:** Three hives are in place. We do not expect more hives. Beekeeper Mark gave us a water proof notebook to display near the bee corral. It is very informative, with lots of information on bees.
- **Expenditure/Reimbursement requests:**
 - Sandy requested reimbursement of \$81.08 for:
 - Poster laminated for the library program on Native Species (\$46.11)
 - Easel (\$34.97)
 - Approved by BMP Committee

Events:

- Native Species Day had a good turnout on June 18th.
- Beth will be making a presentation via Zoom to the SE Chapter of Wild Ones on July 7th.
- Wild Ones members visit the Park on July 30th; to include picnic lunch.
- No other upcoming events at the Park.

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

 See notes, above.

- It was decided that the tailrace under the Garden Project area would be covered during the Phase II work.
- Parking Lot (Phase IV): Evidence of an historical parking area in the location of the proposed lot has been observed. There was a discussion of its use for temporary parking and whether the existing lot

could be developed into the formal parking lot in that area for the Park. Rocky will look to better define the boundary of the existing lot and involve Pennoni and the Conservation District regarding how it might be used for the formal lot in that area.

Trails Report:

- Weed whacking and debris removal were the main tasks over the last month.
- Signs were installed to mark the key features of the Park (e.g., Mill Race Trail).

Marketing/Fundraising:

- Jim B made a presentation to the Chadds Ford Historical Society on May 19th. It went well. He was given a \$100 speaking fee, which he will roll over into the EB Foundation for BMP Buildings.
- Beth will present on Zoom to the SE Chapter of Wild Ones on July 6th.
- BMP is being added as a lunch/picnic stop on this year's Chester County Day tour.

Miscellaneous:

- A fellow named Jim Shaner wants to do stories about life in the Mill area, historically. Jim B will follow up with him.
- Nancy has a source from the Hadfield family that could provide an interview to the HC.
- Jim B was made aware of a textile mill in Western PA that is similar to our mill and still has looms. He will forward information about it on to the Committee.
- Bruce reported that there is a dead tree above the amphitheater that needs to be taken down. Charlie will follow up with Ryan Sipple regarding this.
- **AED:**
 - The device needs a weather-tight box; Hud and Kathy will purchase and donate one to the Park.
 - It was decided that the best place to mount the box is next to the utility pole near the entrance to the Park where it is easily noticed, with the benefit of power being there.
 - It was suggested that the Fire Department could give the volunteer corps a training session on the use of the device.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:00 AM.

Next BMP Committee meeting: July 28, 2022.