



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Woolsey Park Advisory Committee

Approved Minutes

For the regular meeting of
Thursday, January 13, 2022

Note: this meeting was conducted and recorded using a Zoom videoconferencing application.

* The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Jim Gambino.

Statement of Compliance & Roll Call

Members present: Dave Guerard, Karin Poveromo, Mike Chipowsky, Carol Lipson
Russ Granzow and Jim Gambino

Members absent: Chris Pazdan

Also present: Michael Ruger -Twp Committee liaison

Members of the Public present: Jessica Natoli, Erik Tornegard, Ruth Markoe

Reorganization

Russ was nominated for Chairperson by Dave, 2nded by Mike, and elected unanimously.

Mike was nominated for Vice-Chairperson by Russ, 2nded by Dave, and elected unanimously.

Jim was nominated for Secretary by Dave, 2nded by Mike, and elected unanimously.

Note: Michael Ruger will be the Twp Committee liaison to the WPAC.

Minutes for Approval

The December 9, 2021 draft minutes were approved – Motion, Russ; 2nd Mike; all in favor.

Action: Jim will forward these minutes to Laurie Gompf for posting on the Township website.

Public Comment

Ruth Markoe joined us and asked that we consider designing the bandshell with a backstage dressing area, ramp and loading docks, sound system, and screen and lights. These features would make it easier to use the bandshell as a theatre or for musical sing-a-longs. She said there is a great need for this in our area, since Mercer County Community Colleges' Kelsey Theatre is the only one available.

We discussed the disrepair of the Open Air Theatre at Washington Crossing State Park, and the possibility of a theatre at Mercer County's new quarry park site in Hopewell.

Action: We agreed these are good design features to include in our bandshell project RFP.

Presentation – COVID Memorial

Erik Tornegard, Architectural Teacher at Hopewell Valley High School, and his student Jessica Natoli discussed Jessica's work designing a COVID memorial for Woolsey Park. She proposed three designs and possible locations in the park. We spent most time discussing design #3, which included a dogwood tree with two hands shaking at its base.

We agreed the memorial is a good idea, and thanked Erik and Jessica for sharing with us. Mike questioned how we would perpetuate or carry the project forward once Jessica graduates.

Action: Carol will e-mail Erik & Jessica about meeting her at Grounds for Sculpture, in Hamilton, to obtain cost estimates for her three designs.

New Business

1. **2022 Goals** - members proposed the following goals:
 - * complete a **Draft Master Plan** for the Park
 - * make progress on the **Bandshell Project**
2. **Draft Master Plan**

We were unable to work on this tonight since it is a zoom meeting. We need to meet in person.

Subcommittee Reports / Discussions / Updates for on-going projects

1. Twp Committee Liaison Report

Michael informed us that George Snyder is preparing an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the bandshell project. The scope will include a covered structure with electric and speakers, plus parking and landscaping. The consultant(s) will present their design(s) to us at a future meeting.

Action: Members will receive a copy of the RFP when it's complete.

2. **Salem Oak** – Jim reported the seedling was planted and protected. The tree will be honored during the Arbor Day celebration at 10:00 am on Sat April 30, 2022. The Environmental Commission is considering purchasing an informational plaque for this tree.

* The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm: Motion –Mike, 2nd Dave; all in favor.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Gambino
Secretary