



# TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

## Woolsey Park Advisory Committee

### Approved Minutes

For the regular meeting of  
Thursday, July 14, 2022

**Note: this meeting was held in person in the Municipal Auditorium and was recorded.**

- \* The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Russ Granzow.

### **Statement of Compliance & Roll Call**

Members present: Russ Granzow, Jim Gambino, Dave Guerard, and Carol Lipson

Members absent: Mike Chipowsky, Chris Pazdan, Karin Poveromo

Also present: Michael Ruger -Twp Committee liaison

Members of the Public present: none

### **Minutes for Approval**

The March 10, 2022 draft minutes were approved – Motion, Jim; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave; all in favor.

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

### **Subcommittee Reports / Discussions / Updates for on-going projects**

#### **1. Twp Committee Liaison Report**

Michael reported that the Twp's Deer Management and Agricultural Committees held a joint meeting in June to discuss ways to reduce our overabundant deer population. Suggestions included reaching out to private land owners to allow hunting on their parcels, and offering a \$250 property tax credit to those who participate.

#### **2. Arboretum**

Jim G. reported that four donated hophornbeam trees were planted in the arboretum area in April.

**Actions:** We need a large, portable water tank to water these and future tree plantings. Russ said he had a water tank that he is not using that he could sell or donate for this purpose.

We need to talk to the Twp Fire Marshall to make sure the arboretum area is in a safe zone for the annual fireworks at the park.

#### **3. Lennar Tree Offer**

Twp Engineer, Jim Hutzemann informed us that the developer for Hopewell Parc on Scotch Rd may have extra replacement trees which could be planted on Twp property such as Woolsey park. We don't know what species or how many trees total they will offer. Jim G. suggested we could space trees along the entire frontage of the Park on both sides of the

entrance way. The trees would be planted outside of the roadway right-of-way and outside the trim zone of the utility company.

**Actions:** Jim G. will discuss this issue with the Twp Environmental Commission. Dave suggested discussing the proposed tree locations with Mercer County and PSEG.

We need more details from Lennar for tree species and quantity to make a proper planting plan.

#### 4. **Bandshell**

Russ shared two proposed design plans prepared by our consultant. Each shows the bandshell located southeast of the Veterans memorial near the existing stone travel way.

One has the bandshell behind the travel way. The travel way would be paved from the existing parking area up to the bandshell to make it accessible per A.D.A.

The other has the bandshell moved forward with a new, reconfigured travel way beyond the bandshell.

One design shows some tree removal is needed.

**Concerns:** Will the travel way be suitable for vehicles to reach the bandshell? The bandshell locations appear to be in a drainage swale area. Should we remove any trees?

**Action:** Russ will discuss our concerns with Jim Hutzelmann and our consultant.

#### 5. **Events**

Carol shared a page-long list of events planned to occur at the park during summer and fall, and organized by the Twp Recreation Dept., HV Arts Council and the Pennington School.

- \* The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm: Motion – Carol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave; all in favor.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Gambino  
Secretary