

Minutes

May 18, 2020

Call to order 7:30

meeting held virtually

Approval of Minutes

Financial Report: Community/Social expenses higher than normal due to printed Tidbit and distribution

Budget Meeting to be held June 1st virtual and open to the public

Franchot had information session about Tax Revenue, there may be a decrease this year

Beautification: Flowers were planted by town hall and the town signs

Sustainable Barnesville: No report

Board of Appeals: No report

Sidewalks: Crosswalks on the work schedule.

Engineer said the walkway along the park to the post office would fit in the right of way. May need a land survey in order to complete the project.

West Harris Stormwater: Grant submitted and should hear feedback in June.

Drainage map for the area by Town Hall shows a drainage stream leading into West Harris Road

Lillards Corner Park: 4 contractors to begin Phase I, approximately \$60k, with half from Project Open Space grant. Four Seasons is the major contractor and will do all the hardscaping and bed preparation. Work is scheduled to begin the week of June 15 to remove damaged trees. July 1 is projected to begin the hardscaping work.

Question was raised if there can be a committee formed to assist Audrey with planning the details of the park such as plant choices and coordinating access.

Motion approved on the Park Plan and the Committee formation and the initial payment of contractors

Traffic calming: Concerns raised over active dump trucks in town roads, 6am to sunset. Neighbors inquired and were told the project would be completed within a short time.

Streethawk hours were reduced, but can be increased back to previous level since the bridge over the Monocacy is set to be closed on weekends through the Fall.

Planning: Master Plan revision completed and given to town attorney to distribute to county and state offices. Public Meeting will be July 18th, most likely held virtually.

Community Events: No report.

Communications: Tidbit distributed by mail was well-received.

Town Hall: Concerns over drainage of water from runoff road and parking area. Contractors will be contacted to obtain bids to address topography and drainage, and potential for rain garden. Funding through Rainscapes is only available to private citizens and institutions, not municipalities.

New Business: Issue of proposed meat processing farm outside town boundary near Monocacy Elementary School. The property had been for sale for several years. No details on the business plans were available. Community members expressed concerns over: proximity to the school, scaling up of the operation, layout of the facility, frequency of customers or traffic, headwater pollution, and variance required. A request to an official position letter sent to the county and copied to the buyer.

US Census: need everyone in the community to participate.

June 3rd is the scheduled bulk pick-up

Motion to adjourn at 9:11pm.