

Minutes

Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

Walking Meeting: April 19 at Aquetong Spring Park

Attending: Barry Fetteroff, Mike Zolkowitz, Darcy Fair, Patty Bacon, Nancy Stock-Allen, Barbara Bluejay Michalski.

The meeting was preceded by a walk-through of the Judy/Bond House followed by a ceremonial tree planting. Barbara Bluejay Michalski prepared the location for planting an Eastern Red Cedar tree next to Aquetong Spring. This tree replaced a decayed cedar that had been planted by her grandfather, Chief Whippoorwill, Bill Thompson, three decades before. The cedar and a sugar maple were special additions to fulfill a request by the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania for use in tribal ceremonial practices. Ms. Michalski, said prayers and blessed the trees as she explained the meaning to members of the Aquetong Spring Park Advisory Committee, Township Manager Dennis Carney (who arranged the logistics) and Peter Schalwm and staff of PLS Landscaping in Solebury.

The committee walked the trails with Dennis Carney. Several issues were discussed:

1. Gravel vs Asphalt for the entrance path to park trails. The trail had been bid as asphalt. A query about making the path gravel was weighed against the negatives of erosion and weed spraying.
2. Possible solutions to accommodate walkers in wet land trail bed. A wooden plank carpet was suggested.
3. Continued work to eradicate invasive species, especially the false cattails.
4. Potential locations for stream overlook and stream crossings.
5. Creation of a mowed pathway on the old dam crest for a scenic overlook across the park.
6. Additional tree planting progress
7. Feasibility of adding a meadow area
8. Surface areas varying between gravel, shredded wood and mowed grass.
9. Dates for closing the park for construction

The next meeting of the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee will meet via Zoom on May 24 to accommodate for the Memorial Day holiday.