

Aquetong Spring Park Advisory Committee

February 22, 2021 – 7:00 PM

ZOOM Videoconference

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Nancy Stock-Allen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
 - b. The following persons were in attendance: Barry Fetterolf, John Francis, Dan Dupont, Darcy Fair, Nancy Stock-Allen, and Michael Zolkewitz. Guests included Barbara Zietchick of the Solebury Township Parks and Recreation Committee, Stephanie Garomon and Tim D’Amico of the Historical Society, Patty Bacon of Deer Park, and Solebury resident John DeAndrea.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. **MOTION: Barry F. made a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Darcy F.**
- III. New Business
 - a. Chair report on executive meeting, February 2, 2021.
 - i. No funds have been budgeted in 2021 for a park facilitator.
 - ii. Dan D. advocated for the hiring of a professional facilitator to help with park planning
 - iii. The goal of the committee is to complete the work of advising as an independent group by the end of 2021. Some form of the group will then move under the umbrella of Park and Recreation.
 - b. Group Discussion and Resolution of Project/Mission statement.
 - i. The group unanimously approved the proposed mission statement (See below)
 - c. Discussion of the 2018 Master Plan
 - i. The committee reviewed suggestions made by consultants several years ago
 - ii. The committee reviewed several maps of the park including trails, parking and natural resource landmarks
 - d. Members and frequent guests will split up into sub-groups to provide recommendations to the committee on the following subjects:
 - i. Education / History – Darcy F. and Patty B.

- ii. Trail Building / Enhancement – Barbara Z.
 - iii. Cold-Water Habitat – Barry F. and Michael Z.
 - iv. Other members can choose whichever subject area they are most interested in
 - v. **NEXT STEP: Michael Z. and Barry F. will reach out to potential speakers at future meetings regarding the cold-water habitat**
 - e. Community Update
 - i. Patti B. shared that the Lenape tribe is interested in providing recommendations to the committee at the appropriate time
 - ii. An informational article was submitted to the Bucks County Herald bringing awareness of the park to the community
 - iii. Darcy F. shared the logistics of a virtual “Walk in the Park’ event. The event will be discussed in more detail once the park is closer to completion
 - f. Supervisor Update
 - i. Bids were awarded for the Aquetong Spring Parking Lot
 - ii. The Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River group offers small grants of under \$5K for things like signage. Since this is an annual grant, the committee will consider this next year when the park is nearer completion
 - iii. All Township committees have been asked to provide their opinion on the newly acquired Rt 202 property. Members will send their suggestion to Nancy
 - g. Meeting Schedule
 - i. **MOTION: Michael Z. made a motion to have a special meeting on March 29 at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Darcy F.**
 - h. Guest Comments
 - i. Guest John D. questioned if the committee contacted local scouting groups about the trails. He also asked if there were any loops planned in the trails. Barbara Z. will take this into consideration when making trail recommendations
 - ii. Guests Stephanie G. and Tim D. of the Historical Society came to learn more about the current status and future of the park
- IV. Adjournment
- a. Darcy F. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM. The motion was seconded by Barry F.