

Aquetong Spring Park Advisory Committee

August 30, 2021 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- a. Nancy Stock-Allen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. via ZOOM.
- b. Members in attendance: Nancy Stock-Allen (Chair), Dan Dupont, Darcy Fair (arriving at 7:24 p.m.) and Barry Fetterolf. Member Michael Zolkewitz was absent. Others attending were Supervisor Liaison John Francis, P&R Director Dudley Rice and guests Barbara Michalski (Lenape Nation), Barbara Zietchick (P&R), Patty Bacon (Deer Park).

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the July meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

III. Old Business

- a. Proper designation of the “Kate Smith” house/ruin: Members discussed the origin of the name “Kate Smith” house and agreed to leave the designation simply as “Mill Ruin” for now while Nancy Stock-Allen does some additional research into the origin of the name.
- b. Review timeline of committee report for December 31: A draft report is to be reviewed at the November meeting and then a final report will be prepared by December with recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

IV. New Business

- a. Outdoor classroom proposal—2021 PECO Open Space Program Grant Round: Discussed during the power point presentation by Nancy Stock-Allen who will pursue it further.
- b. Rest Rooms:
- c. September 24 ASP Opening: Dudley Rice noted that this will be the official ribbon cutting event ceremony for the park.

V. Individual Updates/Reports

- a. Barry Fetterolf: Trout Program: Barry reached out to Land Studies to have a proposal for the next meeting on the feasibility for doing some stream design for teaching fly fishing.
- b. Michael Zolkewitz: No report - Not present at the meeting.
- c. Darcy Fair: Community Outreach / Walk in the Park October 17: Darcy reviewed various aspects of the “Walk in the Park” including participation by the Lenape Nation, budget items, tents and tables and chairs, portable toilets, etc. The event will run from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. A written proposal will be prepared for review before the next meeting along with a budget that will be sent to the Township and Supervisor John Francis.

- d. Nancy Stock-Allen / Correction of Trail Map: The committee reviewed and commented on the power point presentation on Aquetong Spring Park and the trail map and various signs (like No Swimming). Nancy is working on corrections and locations to signs and for signs to tell people to “Please Stay on the Marked Trail” and some wording to avoid newly planted vegetation.

Suggestions were made to have designated spaces or even benches/tables for people to rest and have a picnic. The issue of bikes, and especially mountain bikes in the park, was discussed and will be addressed further at the next meeting. Having a pathway below the spring dam and waterfall was also discussed.

Various examples of an outdoor classroom were presented and discussed along with a proposed cost and budget, with the intent to move forward with a grant request through the PECO Green Region grant request program.

- e. John Francis: Construction going really well and the main trail is done as are most of the others. The rain gardens have been seeded and there remains a bit of work yet to finish.

VI. Future Meetings: It was agreed that a meeting needs to held next month instead of waiting until the quarterly meeting in October. Members agreed to hold a special event meeting on Monday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.