



Parks and Greenways Board Site Meeting

February 22, 2024

Canal Park

Members Present

Gary Anderson

John McGregor

Judy Lyons

Terry Pierce

Todd Plessel

Joe Robustelli

Denise Layfield arrived at 4:07

Other Members Present

Alex Carmichael

Gary Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss future plans for the park and pollinator gardens. Judy and Joe had previously met with Bryan Hensley at Canal Park to do the same. Judy and Joe shared that information.

Plans are to enlarge Pollinator Garden #1 and ask for donations of plants from Town residents. Bryan will scrap the existing mulch away and amend the soil prior to planting. The soil is currently fill dirt and is of poor quality. Denise shared that the City of Hendersonville gives away high quality compost/soil at no cost in the month of March. It was suggested that Bryan bring some of that soil to the pollinator garden.

The Board discussed the remaining budget for the current fiscal year. Alex shared that the pavers at the Laurel Green Playground came in over our approved amount. The Town Council continues to get requests for the playground to reopen. The pavers on all walkways in the playground need replacement and the Council is looking for ways to fund that project. Board consensus is that the playground needs to be safely opened as soon as possible.

Bryan has a team of outside professionals scheduled to work at Canal Park on March 27. Their time will be donated. The plan is to build a bridge and clear a walking path through Canal Park from Laurel Park Hwy to Lake Avenue. Bryan has gathered all materials for this project. The



walking path will be grass and bordered with wildflowers on both sides. No Town volunteers are needed for this workday.

The dead trees and multiple vines behind Canal Park were discussed. John will talk to Will and Todd to mark the property and de-vine as much as possible. It was suggested that we plant large evergreens along the lot line to distract from the “mess”. Judy will investigate the cost of purchasing native evergreen trees as budgeted for Arbor Day 2024. Hollies with berries would provide cover and food for birds. Judy will bring this information to our March Board meeting.

Gary shared that he and Bryan spent time at Glen Rock Springs Park. They measured the top area for locust log steps. There is a gap leading up to the platform that will need to be filled with rocks.

Gary checked out the trails at Jump Off Rock. The Blue Trail has 2 broken steps below the parking lot and 1 step almost broken. The Red Trail staircase handrail is completely rotten and loose.

The mother of a Boy Scout contacted Gary to see if there are any volunteer opportunities for Scouts. Joe and Denise (Bee City) could use help with an Earth Day event cleaning up the Town.


Joe reminded everyone of the April 18 Bee City film viewing at The Flat Rock Cinema. Reservation info will be published.

Denise asked Alex about the possibility of enlarging the proposed Bee City signs. The Town Council approved 12” x 12” signs are too small to read installed on roads. Alex will ask Council to consider 18”x18” or 12”x 18” signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.

*** After adjournment, it was asked if volunteers could spread mulch under the swing sets at the Playground.

Attest:



Terry Pierce

Secretary