



Parks and Greenways Board Site Meeting

April 25, 2024

Canal Park

Members Present

Gary Anderson

Judy Lyons

Terry Pierce

Joe Robustelli

Others Present

Sally Buchholz

Todd Gizzi

Bryan Hensley

Gary Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was for Board Members to see where the lot boundaries lie for future planning in the park. Bryan Hensley showed where he has located and flagged the survey pins. He recommended members look at the County GIS for clarification.

Bryan also explained the layout of the walking path bordered by pollinator seeds. Flags show the planned path leading from Laurel Park Highway to the new bridge. Bryan will complete the path past the bridge where it will end at Lake Drive.

Sally Buchholz asked to be shown where she can put vines and other brush to be picked up by Town employees. The area needs to be cleared so work can continue. She also wanted to know what trees and shrubs will remain. There are Camellia, Holly, and Weeping Cherry trees that will be saved.

Sally asked if the area right of the bench at Jump Off Rock needs to be cleared. Bryan agreed and Sally will clear brush and Bryan will pick up the waste. Discussion of adding more seating at JOR by clearing the outcropping.

Judy Lyons showed where Bryan had placed logs to enlarge pollinator garden #1. She said it is realistic to plan to plant the additional area in Fall 2024 to not add more work to Bryan's already heavy workload. She suggested mid-September- October. It is also too difficult to get volunteers to do all the work necessary around Town and their help is needed more in other parks. The Board will not spend funds on plants and will again ask Town residents to donate plants. About 90% of the plants installed in the spring survived the winter.

Arbor Day Celebration discussion finalized the location of where to plant the three evergreen trees along the lot line. Bryan will dig the holes prior to planting day, April 27, 2024. The Board hopes to add more trees in the future as the budget allows.

The Pump House slab is surrounded by extremely poor-quality soil. It appears that there is a 15" layer of tar/oil. Trees planted around the bench area do not survive. The possibility of removing and replacing the soil was discussed. There is limited space for trucks to drive in the park due to water lines and plantings.

Gary commented on the incredible walk along Cedarbrook/Westwood. Todd's work is appreciated.

The natural area between the bridge and Lake was discussed. The area is quite large and could have a nice walking path in and out of the land and up to Lake Avenue. Could there be rock steps like those at Glen Rock Springs from Lake down to Canal Park?

Todd asked for clarification on what vines and brush needed to be cleared and would soon be working there. Todd said that with unlimited hours and resources the task would be more feasible. Will Coffee is no longer available and there is a current search to replace him.

Members were asked to attend the Arbor Day Tree Planting on April 27.

Judy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 PM. Gary seconded.

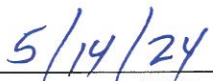


Gary Anderson, Chairman

ATTEST:



Terry Pierce
Secretary



Date