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**Delaware County Park Board Meeting**

September 14, 2022

12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hunt Club

**Attendees:**

- Marc Manfre, Director of Parks & Recreation; Stephanie Gaboriault; Trish McFarland; Beth Chapman; Nicholas Furman; Peter Williamson; Kathy Lopez; John McMullan.
- **County:** Steven Beckley, Planning
- **Guest:** George Choe, President, Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation; Bob Linn, Architect for Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation; Jason Funderburg, Director, Golf Association of Philadelphia
- **Call to Order:** 12:03 pm

**Excused Board members:**

- Nick Hoyt

Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2022 were approved by the board.

- **Call to Order**.....Chair Stephanie Gaboriault
- **Guest Speaker**  
**Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation** .....President George Choe
  - Philip Jaisohn is the 1<sup>st</sup> United States Citizen for Korea
  - He published the 1<sup>st</sup> Korean newspaper and was a Korean Independent Activist
  - Foundation would like to make improvements to the memorial at Rose Tree Park funded by the Korean Government
    - Beautification Project
    - It would be an enhancement of the original memorial which needs some TLC.
    - Cost will be fully funded by the Korean Government (estimated cost \$100K) – project needs to be approved quickly.
    - Estimated time for beautification project will be 2 months
  - The Board voted unanimously to recommend the design of the beautification project to County Council.

- **Golf Association of Philadelphia**.....Director Jason Funderburg
  - Jason met with Nick Furman and Marc Manfre to show them how this opportunity can market golf to the underserved community
  - It's a national program that subsidizes the cost of golf for our youth.
  - If approved, we will advertise Clayton Park Golf Course on our website/app.
  - Promote youth golf to kids.
  - Yearly membership is \$20.

- **County updates**

- **Directors Report**..... Marc Manfre

- Phase 2 of the electrical upgrade at Rose Tree Park will start in March 2023.
- We will work with George with the everyday maintenance of the Philip Jaisohn Memorial
- Golf Association of Philadelphia would like to start a golf program at Clayton Park's Golf Course for the underserved youth. I will forward the agreement to County Solicitor Mr. Martin
- Budget Meeting – 6 department that report to Sustainability – very positive meeting with Director Hayes
  - We have an ambitious budget.
  - Increased our budget to \$2.3 million
  - Capital Budget is on the move.
  - We will revisit the Assistant Deputy Position
- Preparation for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.
  - The funding was approved last week. We are working with Laura Goodrich-Cairns and Trish. We will be using the same electricians. We are meeting next week to start the process.
- Summer Concert Series
  - We received Best of the Main Line for best annual festival. It was published in their July issue
  - Recycling Project worked well
  - Rita's Water Ice was a success, but we have been asked to bring back another vendor to sell hot food.
- We are working with Karen on the Storm Water Basin at Smedley Park. We received some grant money.
  - It has not been functioning properly and water has not been draining properly. It will help drain some of the flood water to help recharge the stream quicker.
  - Goal of grant program is for improvement projects having an environmental benefit, road improvement benefit and reducing sediment build up in the parking lot.
- Groundbreaking of the Upland Park Playground. It was very successful.
  - My message at Upland Park was Community. It is used by 5 boroughs.
  - Construction has started for the playground. Field construction will start in October.

- **Old Business**

- County Park visits: our August park visit was to the Darby Creek Corridor: Pennock Woods, Shrigley, and Kent Parks. Pennock and Shrigley are under 6 acres. The Pennock trail goes to

the stream, and you would never know that you were in the middle of a heavily populated area.

- Update on Park Rules and Policies: Marc and Stephanie met with Councilperson Reuther and Solicitor Martin, Solicitor Lichtenstein, and Mr. Lazarus. After discussion, there were some revisions being drafted. We are waiting for the updated draft.
- Don Guanella Steering Committee: Members have been selected, and the first meeting will be September 24<sup>th</sup>. Stephanie and Kathy were named to the committee, and will keep the board updated.
- Board Description for vacancy: Our governance subcommittee will work on an updated description for our November meeting. Any new members will be voted in by County Council. We want to make sure any new members have accurate expectations.
- Friends of Parks Alliance: Nick F., Marc, Kathy, Kelly, and Stephanie had a meeting to brainstorm on what it may look like. Possibly have all the Friends of Parks groups get together in person, or at least share contact information. We don't want to rush it. We will start small.

- **New Business**

- Stephanie and Kathy proposed attending the December 14 County Council meeting to report on our activities and accomplishments.
- 2023 suggestions and focus areas: submit any ideas for our November Meeting

- **Mission Minutes**.....Vice Chair Kathy Lopez

- Kathy initiated a new segment to our meetings. She shared her vision on what being a Park Board Member means to her. The Mission Minutes are another way to promote participation and engagement in our meetings.

**Meeting adjourned: 1:30pm**