

ADHOC Commission @ Millville Community Building Meeting Minutes October 8, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Ron Belinko called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Councilman, Robert Wisgirda, Parkside HOA President Michael Weglein, Coventry HOA Resident, Pat Plocek. Absent: Eric Evans, Code & Building Officer.

2. Appointment of Chairperson:

Robert Wisgirda made a motion to approve Mayor Ron Belinko as Chairman of the AD HOC Committee. Pat Plocek seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. New Business

A. Discuss purpose of committee, future Town use and staffing needs.

Ron Belinko began the meeting emphasizing the need to clarify the committee's purpose and address rumors. The committee includes two council members (Belinko, Wisgirda), Parkside Resident (Weglein), Coventry Resident (Plocek), and Eric Evans (Town Code Enforcer). Mayor Belinko addressed the AD Hoc's activities and their impact on the community. The committee reviewed the latest projections for the park, emphasizing the need for future planning and the potential for a police department or public works in the next decade. Members all discussed the importance of land preservation and the potential for future use of a library.

B. Review FY 25 approved budget items & FY26 priorities.

Mayor Belinko explained the history and future plans for the park mentioning the rejection of a previous concept and the acquisition of new land for future needs. The committee's focus includes organizing the park's physical needs for FY26 with top priority being the parking lot. Mayor Belinko outlined the committee's tasks, including meeting periodically to review priorities and budget for FY 26. He discussed the approval of various park improvements for FY25, including pickleball courts, a storage pole barn, and a heating solution for the kitchen.

C. Discuss possible recommendations to the Town Council on park rules, suggestions, volunteer for park events.

The committee will also address suggestions for the park, such as timing of the pickleball court and rental of pavilion. Staffing needs were highlighted with concerns about managing activities with limited resources and the impact on town operations. The committee emphasized the importance of keeping the playground safe and upgrading landing pads. Safety concerns were raised about the use of the park after dusk, with suggestions for electric locks on buildings and gates to control access. The committee discussed the need for volunteers and the importance of community involvement in maintaining the park. The committee agreed the importance of keeping it a community park and addressing safety concerns. A short meeting will be held in November to address specific concerns, make recommendations to address the Town Council.

4. Citizen's Privilege:

Mrs. Mary Leslie – 38062 Cross Gate Rd, Millville DE 19967. Mrs. Leslie is resident of Bishop's Landing and discussed concerns of safety of the park, police presence, and enthusiasm for bocce courts in the future. Committee addressed all her concerns.

Adjournment: Elected Chairman, Mayor Belinko motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bob Wisgirda second the motion. Next meeting is scheduled for November, TBA.

Chairman, Mayor Belinko, closed the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Marcules