

Bondsville Mill Park Committee Meeting, January 23, 2025

In attendance: Rocky Stone, Sandy Moser, Charlie Lindsay, Arne Jensen, Carl Capriotti, Bob Watts, Beth Watts, Nancy Kirchgasser, Dan Tieri, Sally Bovell, Jim Buczala

Meeting start: 7:35

Volunteer Hours for this month: Gardens – **NR**; Construction: - 7

December Minutes: Approved

2025 Budget Update: (based on 01/21 Financial Report from Township)

- General Fund: (\$20,000 budget; \$18,000 Development & Maintenance/\$2000 Events & Marketing)
 - \$1029 spent to date.
 - \$648.67 for garden tools (up to \$800 was approved last month)
 - \$191 for Boyd's emergency servicing of boilers
 - \$189 for Blosenski
- Capital Fund Park Development: (\$23,335 budget; \$10,000 of this has been earmarked for Bld B Masonry). No spending on this account to date.
- BMP Funds in EB Foundation:
 - Total BMP Funds: \$16,029.43
 - Unrestricted: \$7401.85
 - Buildings: \$4132.35
 - Gardens: \$3825.47
 - Grants: \$669.76
- Beth asked about resolving discrepancies (Sandy perceives that there may be some inaccuracies); a meeting will need to be scheduled with Emily.

The Financial Report was approved by the BMP Committee.

BMP Committee ByLaws: Carl drafted ByLaws to guide protocol for the operation of the BMP Committee, with input from Beth, Sandy, Jim, and Luke.

- The ByLaws were reviewed in detail at the meeting. There was much discussion to clarify its content and purpose, with a few edits resulting from that.
 - A key point of discussion was the number of Committee Members. It was decided to keep the list approved by the BOS at their organizational meeting at the beginning of January, but make two of them non-voting members (the result will be 13 voting members). Current members considered for the transition to non-voting members included Jeff Nye, Hud Voltz, and David Culp. It was felt that it's important to maintain David's name on the Committee with regard to fundraising activities; and all were agreed on this in some form. Jim will follow up with these people to resolve this issue before the next meeting.
- Upon completion, it was decided to consider their approval, incorporating the edits made at the meeting. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Bob, with six votes for approval (Jim, Bob, Charlie, Rocky, Carl, and Arne), and no "nay" votes. There was not an inquiry for abstentions or non-votes.

Trails:

- Charlie is physically limited, but will continue to report issues that need to be addressed.
- Christmas decorations in the Spruce Tree forest are starting to be taken down. Sandy has solicited for help from the Park's visitors in her weekly news letter.

- All trails are open and doing well.

Construction: Volunteer Hours: Construction – 7 hours spent on heating issues

- The boiler in Building A needed to be given emergency service (stopped operating).
- Cleaning/routine service has been scheduled for both boilers.
- No Report (beyond heating issues).

Garden Report: Volunteer Hours: **NR** (no report)

- Work tasks included:
 - Spreading mulch/compost in Culp Clearing
 - 10 Twp dump truck loads have been delivered from Caln Twp by Matt (EB Twp); as of Jan 20th over half the garden has been covered with this material.
 - Sandy asked the Committee for approval to start receiving mulch from Weaver (the \$7190 quote from Weaver was previously approved by the Committee, and accounted for in this year's budget). This material is different from that provided by Caln. The request was approved.
 - These deliveries will be in 50 yd truck loads so as not to overwhelm the storage area by Bld F.
 - The purpose of this mulch is for weed suppression.
 - It's expected that the material provided by Caln Twp will be spread by Feb 8th (four work days); Ordering from Weaver would then begin.
 - It was noted that the use of mulch for weed suppression is supported by Gregg Tepper, with acceptance from David Culp.
- Sandy inquired as to when work on the Building B wall would be done (towards opening the West end of the Culp Clearing garden). She indicated that she has grants pending for that area. Funds for the wall work has been provided in this year's budget, but the Township will be directing it. Jim has touched base with Luke on this, but the timeline is unclear. A scope of work needs to be developed prior to getting quotes for the work.
- **Expenditure report:**
 - **Garden Tool Purchases** (\$81.95 from Weaver Mulch):
 - Leaf Rake and 4 Tarps to facilitate the mulching work
 - Purchase was made on Twp's account with Weaver
 - This purchase was approved by the BMP Committee.

Events:

- First Day Hike: It was held on Jan 1st, with 10 people in attendance; it went well.
- January 25th: Seed Sowing Workshop; this will be held at the Township Building.
- Sandy is working on something for Arbor Day (being planned by the Arboretum Board)
- Feb 15th: Possible Bird Watch activity (depending on Toby's availability)

Miscellaneous:

- **Arboretum Board:** Sandy indicated there was no report from the Arboretum Board this month.
- It was noted that the Park's tractor needs to be fueled.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at about 10:00 AM.

Next BMP Committee meeting: February 27, 2025.