

Westgrove PACK Board Meeting, December 13, 2017

In attendance: Barry, Liz, Jeff, Christine, Scott, Marissa, Mark, Melissa Pandin (protem sec)

Meeting called to order by Barry at 6:30

General Comments from Barry

Barry had a meeting with Phil—Phil is wondering if he should “cover up” the fire hydrants which don't work. Problem with lack of curbs was also discussed. Phil was impressed by the number of dogs and people that are in the park both in the morning and evening.

Friends Meeting and followup to the MOU

Barry passed around the simplified MOU for the board to take a quick look at.

There is a finance section that upsets the “Friends” group. Not really an issue for us as we post our finances. We are the best organized of all the “Friends” group. Only one other group is a 501 (s) 3. The county doesn't like the fact we don't want to put our funds through the park foundation. We don't want to use the foundation because we could only use the county's contractors which we have found to be less than great. If we would use the Foundation they will match funds up to \$1000. Barry is working on the changes we would like to see on the MOU. Barry will have a “sit down” with the county. Jeff suggests we have another board member at the meeting. Barry thinks that Phil will be at that meeting.

Liz wants all working documents put on Google drive.

Speed Limit – Barry talked to Phil, there will be a speed sign put up 15 mph
discussion ensued about the speed limit. A 5 mph would be better

Barry called an executive session

By Laws

ByLaws are ready to be sent to the general population after a few minor corrections; in preparation for the general meeting. Jeff pointed out that the name of the organization in Article 1 Section 1 needs to match the name on our articles of incorporation: Westgrove PACK, LLC. Marissa and Mark need to review the bylaws before they are approved by the board. Marissa thinks that bylaws should be reviewed with each new board. Liz concurred. There was a discussion regarding how/why the bylaws were written the way they were. Once Mark and Marissa have done their review, an email vote will take place and then the bylaws will be put before the caretakers.

2018 Budget

Jeff needs to meet with the grass guy and find out what needs to be done so he can get a number for the grass budget. Jeff should get a number for operations in January. Last year's administration budget will have to double due to the fact we have to pay for insurance. (\$1500.00.) Liz says she needs \$1500 for fundraising. Liz says she is not doing a spring fundraiser. Mark wants a more detailed budget for internal purposes.

Treasurer report: we spent what we raised in 2017. Liz discussed membership, both continuing caretakers and yearly caretakers and the fact that they meet the bare minimum.

2018 Projects

(\$20000 in the bank)

#1 -patio (we have to wait for Todd and the MOU)

(Can Barry ask Todd to “approve” the patio done when the south end is closed and before the seeding happens) Timeline: between 1-1 and 2-15. Barry thinks the county has issue with memorial bricks and non-contractual contractors. Marissa wants the county to put in writing why they will/won't support our projects.

#2 water in the south end (Jeff, Barry, Scott will come up with approx costs)

#3 more trees inside the park

#4 sprinkler system (in combo with water)

Scott will do a concept plan for the next meeting.

#5 agility course

#6 camera that links with the website to show the park conditions

Other Business

- Christine wants a petition signed by caretakers stating that grass is what we want. Barry doesn't think we need it.
- Barry is going on vacation for a week
- Discussion regarding getting the meeting notes out in a more timely manner.
- Should we have an advertising page? Barry wants the board to think about it. Jeff wonders if a banner in the park would be better than an advertising page. Jeff will check on the liability of it.
- Board Meetings – Jan. 17th at 6:30 pm at Barry's
February 21st at 6:30 pm at Liz's
March 21st at 6:30 at Jeff's
April 18th at 6:30 at Barry's
- General Meeting: February 7th at 7 pm at Martha Washington Library
- Gate closings—is separating the same as closing? How do we handle small dog area? Could we put a small dog park across the road. Statement gates are not closed off for small dogs or private playing.
- The board will lock the gates open.
- Liz will get a speaker for the general meeting (fostering)

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm