

## Westgrove P.A.C.K Board Meeting – Weds., 02/12/ 2025 7pm

### Attendance / Roll Call

- Call to Order at 7:05 pm Feb. 12, 2025
- In attendance: Shawn Bloom, Jennifer French, Jeff Pandin, Liz Yap, Steve Zielenski, Rich Abelson, and Ryan Anthony. Bill Mould sends his regards.

### Financials - Jeff Pandin

- **Cash / Banking Position** currently: Total in all P.A.C.K. accounts: \$ 25,602.77
- **Renewal caretaker notice was sent out this week**, some renewals have already been returned.
- **2025 Budget Discussion and Vote.** No increases to operating budget are needed this year, the same dollar figures as last year for turf seeding, aeration and seasonal mowing. **Budget Approved.**
- **Water Abatement Project Vote.** The water abatement project will be funded with the County providing labor and the P.A.C.K. materials (\$4,500) using cash on hand in our Friends Account. **Project Approved.**
- **Friends Account (with the County)** - P.A.C.K. donations on deposit with the county (via Friends donations) has been tracked down and the total amount of money in the account is approximately \$7,900.

### Near Term Projects - Steve Zielenski

- Zielenski, Bloom and Abelson attended a Meeting on Feb 10, 2025, with FCPA and recapped the Highlights, Agreements and next steps.
- **The bench has arrived.** Bench delivery and publicity needed for FCPA and P.A.C.K. partnership. Board members will thank the County and FCPA Friends on social media platforms, email and web platforms. Shawn and Ryan to assemble and locate during the weekend of 2/14/25.
- **Water abatement project.** County presented board members (Zielenski, Bloom, Abelson) their plans for the water abatement project. The county is looking at the March construction target date. The Board approved the County doing the project with FCPA providing labor and P.A.C.K providing materials. Questions about closure scheduling and pitch of piping to be submitted to FCPA.

### County MOU Renewal Closeout- Steve Zielenski

- **County working on a revised draft** (more akin to prior MOU), looking at 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March to receive the next draft back from the county.
- **Zielenski and Pandin had a meeting with Commissioner Stork** to give updates on the meeting with the Parks department. Supervisor Storck was supportive of our mission and encouraged us to hold FCPA accountable - especially on matters related to keeping Westgrove Green.

- **Future Park projects -ADA** - P.A.C.K. is committed to keeping the park stone dust free, engineered wood fiber is preferred. FCPA will provide metrics on ADA compliance, maintenance requirements and pilot success metrics.
- **The P.A.C.K. will be completing a Mastenbrook Grant Application** for approximately \$29,000 (\$14.5 of P.A.C.K funds, the rest via the grant) for an overarching set of ADA improvements. If awarded, we will install engineered wood fiber, ADA human/dog drinking fountain, ADA picnic table and bench). Application set to be submitted in early March 2025. Board member Anthony leading initial drafting.
- **Soil and Grass Testing.** Park Turf - small (e.g., 30 x 30) test turf spots with the variety of grass the county would like to try will be planted this spring (Bermuda and Zoysia) as test plots to assess heat, drought and urine tolerance. Some varieties the county was considering (Blue, Rye, Fescue) are not considered financially or organically viable.
- **Board members requested FCPA to address snow removal** contractor attention to detail and priorities, Requested it be added to be in the MOU as the entry points to the park were icy and dangerous in late January and early February.

#### Operations Updates - Shawn Bloom

- Working on a day (weather permitting) to build the bench, the tree the bench will be placed around is ok but might need to be replaced.
- **Rebidding Turf maintenance Contractor** with the goal of maintaining the quoted price is the same or below budgeted amount.
- Group Discussion, ADA accessibility project: Costs – how much do we ask for? The County sent over prelim project numbers. Looking at fundraising for the next few years for the P.A.C.K. portion of funding.

#### Communications, Memberships & Sponsorships Discussion - Liz Yap

- **Westgrove Water Bowls have arrived**, Liz working on how and when to sell!
- Liz is working on the Feb newsletter. (bench, north end construction, south end closure for reseed)

#### New Business - Everyone

- **Spring Cleanup** – TBD. Will coincide with the south end opening.

#### Next meetings:

- March 19, 2025, 7pm
- April 9, 2025, 7 pm
- **April 13, 2025, General meeting.**

Meeting called by Liz and Jennifer French at 8:08 pm