

Minutes  
Waterfront Advisory Committee  
Zoom  
October 5, 2020

Attending: Christina Bohnsack, Donald Dubac, Doris Dubac, Tracy Martin, Jo Hills, Martin Overington, Kaare Christian

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by Chairman Christina Bohnsack

Minutes from the June thru September meetings were approved.

June, August and September - three separate motions to accept by Bohnsack, seconded by Martin Overington, all approved

July - motion to accept by Bohnsack, seconded by Overington, all approved

### **Lasher Park**

**Flagpole Update** — Overington, Bohnsack, George Sharp. Sr., Rich Jennings, Molly McClarnon, and Dale Hinkein met to discuss placement of the flagpoles and memorial. Overington presented our committee with a sketch for the entire park with a stage and a walking path. Discussion: Move the memorial to where the shed now is or by the water which will open up the entrance to the park, make snowplowing easier and make the monument visible from the water. There is a well near the monument: will the new site be picked up by the GTel camera: need a place for the electric box which is now on the shed. Overington will draw up new plans and present them to the group listed above. The group should prepare a written plan to follow.

**Kiosk** — It is owned by the State and we do not have permission to put anything in it, and it also blocks entrance to the park.

### **Cheviot Park**

**Kiosk** — Bohnsack will send out Billy Shannon's history write-up and we will vote on historical photos.

Jo Hills brought up the question of the town signs regulating activity in the parks and the question of enforcement. Noisy night time campers use Cheviot Park. Lee Rubenstein who lives across from the park spoke with Robert Beauiry who spoke with the Sheriff's office and reported back to Rubenstein that there is an enforceable county law regarding park curfews and that the sheriff's department is aware of the issue but they are low on personnel and Cheviot is not a high crime area. Deputy Leonard? called Rubenstein and left his number saying he'd be glad to talk to him about it. Discussion: Germantown Parks are all different. Camping is allowed at Roe Jan, and Lasher has a state dock which allows peo-

ple to come in and out throughout the night. Neither of these parks is close to homes as is Cheviot. Should all the parks have the same regulations? Who should make the call back to the county?

**CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES** — Tracy Martin reported on the NY state program that supports local governments with training, grants, research, etc. to build a sustainable, balanced climate action program for their town. The town would need a volunteer who could give 10 - 15 hours a week to lead the effort. Cornell Cooperative Extension would do an audit of the town to see what the town could do to make our town more climate smart. Bohnsack wants to set up a group call with CSC, Martin, other members of WAC and LWRC and town representatives to learn more to determine if this is something that the town might do. See <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>

**WAC/LWRC/PARKS** — There is a need to define the roles of the three committees, perhaps the WAC should be the Waterfront and Environmental Advisory Committee? Many of our neighbors have CAC's Conservation Advisory Commissions. <https://nysacc.org/nys-cacs-cbs>. Question is how do all these various committees overlap and do we have enough manpower to take on all this work.

**OSPREY TOWER** — Overington presented his plan for the Osprey Platform. There would be a permanent concrete or cage-of-rocks base five feet out in the water and a recycled triangular tower similar to a TV antenna tower would be set up seasonally. It would be a 12 - 20 tower.

Next meeting is Monday November 2.

Motion to adjourn by Overington, seconded by Bohnsack, all approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.