

## **Minutes of the Binney Park Advisory Committee – February 4, 2020**

Town Hall Parks Conference Room – 2:35pm

Attending: Peter Uhry, Nancy Chapin, Greg Kramer, Darrin Wigglesworth, Lynne Davenport, Linnea Stenberg, Frank O’Gorman, Bill Rutherford.

Absent: JoAnn Messina, Lisa Beebe, Joe Siciliano, Mary Hull

**Meeting opened** by Nancy Chapin at 2:35pm. No Guests. Minutes of 12/10/19 meeting unanimously accepted by motion from Lynne D. with 2<sup>nd</sup> from Frank O’Gorman.

**Reading Room discussion and action:** The Reading Room is a pocket park in Binney Park’s Northeast corner bordered by Sound Beach Avenue and Harding Roads. It will be used as an equipment staging area by DPW when the Sound Beach Avenue bridge is upgraded over Laddin’s Brook. In order to ensure proper landscaping is accomplished once the Reading Room space is returned to Park Dept.’s control in a manner satisfactory to the BPAC, the Committee worked out a landscaping proposal to be included in contract work for the bridge. Discussed:

- 1) screening along the E and SE banks of the creek (Ilex– Holly)- Darrin W. to explore/neighbors.
- 2) recheck who owns the banks to the east and south of the brook – Town or residents? (Greg)
- 3) fact the space is rarely used and should not be too isolated from view from the road. Keep it simple but attractive for now. Screen the houses and stabilize the creek banks.
- 4) Spruce, Cherry and Holly were among plants recommended that Greg K. will submit to DPW.
- 5) During meeting, Bill, Greg, Frank and Darrin established the preliminary plant list.

**Loop Trail:** The Committee unanimously accepted the Vitti quote for approx. \$30,000 to accomplish the loop trail to run from the tennis courts south along Arch Street to Binney Park Lane and then east to the baseball backstop in the southeast corner. Stone dust with landscape fabric underneath. Work to be accomplished by July. Darrin to Supervise.

Uhry to draft a press release announcing trail. Will handout to alert the Arch Street neighbors.

The plan will mean 4 trees will be removed (as part of the 3-year replacement plan already approved) and 8 trees will be planted with one memorial tree moved.

**Club House:** The Committee unanimously agreed to send out the east side terrace plan for bid once active sports users are advised of the terraces plan. User groups will likewise be told and encouraged to help with benches and tables with umbrellas to allow for shaded seating.

The motion to proceed by Nancy Chapin and seconded by Frank O’Gorman read: “ The Binney Park Advisory Committee agrees to receive bids to execute an expanded stone terrace on the east side of the Club House in Binney Park assuming no objection is raised by the active sports groups using the adjacent field areas.”

**Future Meetings:** Next Meeting is Tuesday March 17 at 2:30pm in the Park’s Dept. Conference Room in Town Hall. At that meeting, the frequency of future meetings will be reviewed with the intent of reducing the total number of meetings in 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pete Uhry, Scribe