

Lower Paxton Township Arts Council Meeting held April 7, 2021

Members attending at the Municipal Building were Patricia Crawford, Sandra McKeehan, and Stan Smith. Grace Newsome and Lori Rogers participated remotely.

Staff Liaison: Rachelle Scott

Guest Participant: Jim Milbrand attending at the Municipal Building.

The following items were discussed:

1. Concert at Heroes' Grove May 23

Rachelle Scott stated that the concert by Jim Milbrand's Vintage Brass Band that has been proposed as a community event by Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church could be held at Heroes' Grove on May 23, without sponsorship by the Arts Council, assuming the payment of the \$75.00 fee, and provided that construction work at the Grove is completed by that date.

2. Lower Paxton Variety Band

Jim Milbrand indicated that he would change rehearsal time at the Friendship Center Annex to 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate current hours that the facility is open. This schedule will obviate the need to pay for other rehearsal space.

It has also been determined that insurance for the band should continue to be paid independently of the Township insurance.

Also, the cost of musical charts Jim produces and distributes for the concert season will be approved for reimbursement.

There was also discussion of adding the planned July 4th Fireworks Display at Koons Park to the Band schedule.

3. Art

Lori Rogers reported that artist Asher Aaron Grey does not find this a convenient time to pursue exhibition of his art at Irigo's. Sandy McKeehan asked about the status of the woman art student who met with us concerning display of her work and Pat Crawford indicated that she would find the artist's name and contact information to determine continued interest.

There was discussion of the proposed use of the Township web page to request artists who live in Lower Paxton Township to indicate their wish to be listed with contact information. This was previously discussed with Leigh Ann Urban and will require further development of language to invite artists to participate.

Sandy asked about the status of the discussion on replacement of the Possibility Place sign at George Park. Rachelle will contact Janice Creason to discuss prospects for pursuing this matter.

4. Book Discussions

Pat Crawford will refine the email list and continue to pursue options for coordinating with Friends of the East Shore Library (FESAL) to consider reinstatement of a book related event, perhaps involving local authors who have produced new work.

5. Proposed Request to CEC for funding of Music Apparatus in Brightbill Park.

Rachelle indicated that the Township's Capital Investment Plan provides for replacement of playground equipment in 2025. Rachelle will be meeting with appropriate Township staff to discuss suitable location of any musical apparatus and relative advantages of independent location of such items or integration with the other playground equipment.

6. Other Matters

There was discussion of Rachelle's query as to a possible further role for the Arts Council at the 5K race on July 17. The Variety Band will be present and performing as an Arts Council entity. Individual members of the Art Council serve in various volunteer roles in preparation for and during the race. There was discussion of a flyer highlighting the role of the Arts Council to be included as part of the "goodie bags" or handouts on the day of the race.

The next meeting of the Arts Council is scheduled on Wednesday, May 5.