

MILL CREEK METROPARKS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MCMP Farm, Classroom A

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2018

Present: Jim Bolchalk, Ed Howley, Anne Liller, Pat Rose, Rick Shale, and staff liaison Jaime Yohman. Excused: Frank Krygowski, Emily Young

Seeing that we had a quorum, Shale called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and distributed copies of the agenda, which included a summary of the minutes from the committee's previous six meetings in 2018.

The minutes from the August 10, 2018, meeting were approved as distributed.

Discussion immediately focused on our most urgent task, namely, to determine from one to three goals for the committee to pursue in 2019. Shale explained that we may come up with as many goals as we wish, but we have been asked by Lee Frey, Board president, to submit no more than three to the Board.

All members present contributed suggestions and engaged in the lively discussion that followed each proposed goal.

Among the goals suggested were:

- Maintain close communication with the Planning Department so we can provide input on projects before designs are completed.
- Review the language of our committee's charge.
- Explore ways to increase attendance at the summer Morley concerts.
- Do an annual review of the park web site.
- Encourage more publicity and participation for Sebring Woods.

After further discussion, we voted to submit the following three goals to the Board:

1. Explore methods for recruiting new and younger park volunteers.
2. Investigate possible collaborative projects with other standing committees including holding a meeting of the chairs of all the standing committees.
3. Having established a Historic Preservation sub-committee and a Bicycle Facilities Safety sub-committee this year, we hope in 2019 to recruit more volunteers for these sub-committees, set some goals for these groups, and energize them so they will complete their goals.

After establishing our goals, we spent some time discussing what should go into our annual report. Shale will produce a draft and share it with the committee prior to our next meeting, at which time we will revise the draft and vote on the final draft.

Anne Liller has asked to be replaced as committee secretary. For the past two years she has done excellent work. Shale asked for any volunteers. Ed Howley expressed willingness. Shale nominated him to be our new secretary. Pat Rose seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 16, at 10:00 am at the MetroParks Farm, Classroom A.

Rick Shale, Acting Secretary