

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2017

MILL CREEK METROPARKS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENT: James Bolchalk, Frank Krygowski, Phyllis Johnson, Pat Rose, Rick Shale, and staff liaison Jaime Yohman. EXCUSED: Anne Liller, Ed Howley

1. Rick Shale called the meeting to order, and Jaime passed out copies of the Volunteer Handbook that we will begin to revise at our next meeting.
2. Rick shared with the group a recent phone conversation he had with Chris Litton, park Development Director, regarding the future of the Beegly House and suggested that our committee might want to brainstorm a few possible uses for that facility. Rick suggested that we might want to schedule a future committee meeting there, so we can better assess the possibilities. We will look into this.
3. Rick asked about a ban on banners advertising park events, but Jaime said there is no ban. She mentioned that Christmas at the Mill got almost too big a crowd even without a banner advertising the event.
4. We then turned to the main purpose of the meeting, which was to revise the language of the Historic Documents Preservation Policy and the Bicycle Facilities Safety Policy.
5. After discussion, the group agreed to drop the word "Documents" from the policy title since we intend the policy to include artwork, artifacts, and other things that are not considered documents. This was done at the suggestion of Mandy Walker. Rick called attention to the Records Retention Schedule, which has 455 line items, only 9 of which relate to the historic collection. Rick will contact Jim Willock, who chairs the Records Retention Committee, to discuss how we might assist his committee. Rick will also try to attend the Records Retention meeting on Dec. 18th at 5 pm.
6. We eliminated the original 1st paragraph and substituted a new paragraph calling for the creation of a sub-committee to do much of the work, especially in creating a comprehensive inventory.
7. We left the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th paragraphs unchanged; softened the language in the 4th, 6th, and 7th paragraphs; and changed the order of the paragraphs so the original 4th paragraph will come just before the final paragraph. A revised draft is attached to these minutes.
8. The lengthy discussion of the Historic Preservation Policy left very little time to revise the Bicycle Facilities Safety Policy. We will cover this in more detail at our next meeting. Frank agreed to do a revised draft of the 1st paragraph. We did not change the 2nd paragraph but adjusted the language in the 3rd paragraph.

Rick Shale, acting secretary