

**Town of Marshfield
Community Preservation Committee
Open Meeting Minutes --- *APPROVED* --
November 14, 2018th, 7:00 pm**

CPC Members in Attendance: Tim Russo, Denis Kelleher, Michele Campion, Bert O'Donnell and Mike Bilas and Kevin Cantwell (arrived late). Member(s) absent: Kerry Richardson.

Guests in Attendance: Jayne Bowman, Judy Johnson, Tom Whalen, Meghan Enwright, Emily Baird, Don McAleer, Susanne Fantasia, Jean Milch, Nancy Jordan, Shannon MacKinnon, Hannah Coletta, Doreen Taylor, Barbara Murray, Chris Pigait.

Open Meeting

MOTION: Tim Russo made a motion to open the meeting at 7:07 pm. Bert O'Donnell second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes

MOTION: Mike Bilas made a motion to accept the October 10th, 2018 open meeting minutes. Denis Kelleher second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

CPC Applications for FY 2020 funding

Cedar Grove Cemetery Fence Enclosure

- Tom Whalen said the Cedar Grove Cemetery fence requires 620 feet of wrought iron and granite restoration for a total estimated cost of \$ 171,000. The oldest section was installed around 1900.
- Tim Russo asked if he will use the same vendor.
- Tom Whalen replied, yes, he will use the same vendor. He has been happy with their work on the other cemeteries.
- Mike Bilas asked if this will be the last cemetery project.
- Tom Whalen said, no, there will still be more work required on the fence.
- Bert O'Donnell asked if the contractor is able to work alongside the sidewalk.
- Tom Whalen replied, yes, the smaller machines can work inside of the sidewalk. DPW has expressed some concerns and unable to help with the engineering, so he is requesting an additional \$5,000 to cover the costs of engineering (out of the contingency).

Marshfield Hills Cemetery Fence

- Tom Whalen is requesting funding for restoration of the Wales, Tilden and Leonard wrought and cast iron fence enclosures at Marshfield Hills Cemetery. One of the gates had been stolen 9 years ago. The proposed cost to repair the Tilden enclosure is \$ 17,200. The Leonard iron fence enclosure will cost \$28,000 and the 130 feet of iron bar on the Wales fence is an estimated \$23,100. He has included \$7,840 for contingency for a total request of \$86,240. All the iron will be sent out for repair.
- Tim Russo asked how long it will take to complete all the work.
- Tom Whalen replied if they begin in July it should be complete by November.
- Denis Kelleher asked if there are issues with the DPW regarding their engineering assistance on this proposed project.
- Mike Bilas said Tom Whalen did a good job on the Centre Cemetery fence restoration.

Eames Way School Playground

- Nancy Jordan and Meghan Enwright are co-chairwomen of the Eames Way playground project. They are just starting to gather quotes and designs. They would like to build the new playground in a new location that is closer to the school building.
- Meghan Enwright said the current structures are approximately 30 years old. They will rebuild roughly the same size/footprint. They want to build a sustainable and maintenance free playground where all the K-5 students can play on one playground.
- Nancy Jordan said that they are actively consulting with the school nurse, principal, vice principal, physical Ed. teacher and occupational and physical therapist at Eames Way as well. They are considering three vendors: Little Tykes (A representative has a student at EWS), Landscape Structures (haven't yet received a quote from them) and Childscapes. They are beginning their fundraising activities and have a Booster a Thon week planned this January. They will offer bricks for sale later in the spring.
- Meghan Enwright said they are looking for possible state grants. They want to build a safe and sustainable playground including rubber flooring, given the benefit of not requiring maintenance support from DPW. They would like to request DPW to remove the rusty fence. Biagini will donate all excavation labor.
- Mike Bilas asked if the Marshfield School District will contribute.
- Meghan Enwright responded that they have not committed any funding to the project. The requested amount from CPC may change as they gather specific quotes and designs in the next month.
- Tim Russo asked if the new location will have any ADA issues.
- Meghan Enwright said it should be a better location considering ADA concerns.
- Tim Russo asked if they will tear down the current playground.
- Meghan Enwright responded that they might keep the K-2 playground but just replace some of the pieces.
- Denis Kelleher said that both South River and Eames Way should work together and use the same vendor and try to negotiate a bigger discount, if possible.
- Tim Russo asked them to bring more specific budget numbers to the December 12th meeting. He also suggested polling the students to develop a 'wish list'.
- Tom Whalen said the new playground was mentioned in the Gale Study.

South River Elementary School Playground

- Emily Baird, Principal of the South River School (SRS), along with Beth Winn and Anne Marie Ford of the South River School PTO and other members of the Playground Committee are committed to building a new playground area in the lower SRS field. They have surveyed the classes and students for their "top 10" wish list. They also want shade over the playground. They researched designs and raised some funds already. They have selected Childscapes as their vendor. They decided to not use the upper field or parking area for playing but keeping all play areas exclusively on the lower field. They are talking with the Eagle Scouts who have committed to build the Gaga Pit. They met with the DPW Town Engineers about the need for an accessible ramp to the playground. DPW does not have the resources to build this in spite of its need.
- Beth Winn said the playground is old. Tim Pesko has looked at it and has replaced the slide and swings. They are considering making a request to the Marshfield Education Foundation (MEF) for the Climb n Play and Fitness area.
- Ann Marie Ford said she has talked to the occupational and physical therapists and school nurse. Subsequently, they requested and approved of the Rope n' Venture, Volito, Kid Force Spinnner, Rev 8, American Ninja Warrior obstacle course, wall climber and zipline for building coordination and strength. The Gaga Pit will be built as an Eagle Scout Project.

- Beth Winn said the numbers are preliminary and they are looking at different options including the consideration of rubber flooring.
- Tim Russo asked about long term maintenance costs. He asked if it is possible to install rubber in the high use areas.
- Emily Baird said that she might come back next year to ask for the basketball court below in the lower play area.
- Beth Winn said they are offering different sponsorship levels such as a tree, bench etc. They will offer t shirt sales and host a golf tournament. The SRS PTO will donate \$ 8,000 this year and possibly more. They are considering grants through the Dermatology Association for shade structures. They are looking to the Edwin Phillips Foundation for support of the Rev 8.
- Emily Baird had asked Tom Reynolds if the DPW could contribute to the ramp but DPW is unable to contribute to that.
- Billy Last asked how much CPC had granted to the other playgrounds.
- Kevin Cantwell responded that CPC gave \$130,000 to the Martinson playground plus 35,000 of CPC funds from the DPW's Playgrounds and ballfields project for a total of \$165,00 of CPC support. The Governor Winslow School received \$125,000 of CPC funds and another \$25,000 of DPW funds for a total of \$150,000.

First Congregational Church of Marshfield

- Kevin Cantwell said at the last CPC meeting the CPC would seek the opinion from Town Counsel regarding the Church funding. The latest news from the Acton case revealed that getting CPC to approve and fund a church-related project required rather rigorous determination including the "three factor test" to approve such a project. He asked the First Congregational Church representatives if they were aware of this.
- Doreen Taylor responded yes they are well informed on the Acton case and other CPC grants awarded to churches. She said that since the last meeting, the First Congregational Church members did some research and found they are not on the National Historic Landmark Register but they are on the State Register of Historic Places.
- Tim Russo said that there aren't consistent open town activities occurring at the Church at this time.
- Bert O'Donnell said that since the Acton case decisions it has become very difficult for Churches to get CPC funding for their historic restoration needs.
- Michele Campion said that if they can't meet the 3 factor test then the CPC and Town would be legally susceptible to future legal action.
- Mike Bilas added it's a really high threshold to meet.
- Doreen Taylor asked if this means their application is dead.
- Bert O'Donnell said that the Church should try to get on the National Historic Register.
- Tim Russo asked if they would like to withdraw their application.
- Bert O'Donnell requested the Church members to read Bob Galvin's written legal statement. He said we should wait another month before a decision is made on the Church's application.
- Marcy Strazer Concannon agreed to send them an electronic copy of Bob Galvin's legal opinion.

CPC Financials

- Kevin Cantwell said that Marcy Strazer Concannon is working with the Accounting Department to update the CPC expenditure reports and determine available funds for FY 2020 projects.

Other Business

- Tim Russo asked Marcy Strazer Concannon to ask Harbormaster Mike Dimeo for an estimate on the cost of the pull outs for the Harborwalk Phase II. He also asked her to invite Karen O'Donnell and Jack Mather to the next meeting.
- Bert O'Donnell requested the Town Counsel's opinion regarding the Harborwalk II proposal.

Next Meeting

- The next CPC Open Meeting is scheduled for December 12th, 2018.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Open meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Strazer Concannon
CPC Administrator