

**MOHEGAN PARK IMPROVEMENT &
DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, September 8th, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.
Mohegan Park – Lakeside Pavilion
Regular Meeting**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tim Smith at 5:30.

Committee Members Present: Tim Smith, Judy Magnano, Bill Barbuto, Beryl Fishbone, Kerry Bilda, Joanne Philbrick, Ryan Thompson (Ex-Officio).

Committee Members Absent: Brandon Hyde

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Beryl Fishbone, seconded by Judy Magnano, the committee unanimously approved the minutes, with minor corrections, of the regular meeting held on July 14th, 2016

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The report shows an expense of \$368.52 for material and labor costs for installation of the signs at the three kiosks, and interest earned of \$ 63.27, in the period of 1 July 2016 to 31 August 2016 leaving a balance of \$110,664,64 in the Mohegan Park Development Fund. Upon a motion by Joanne Philbrick, seconded by Kerry Bilda, the committee unanimously approved the financial report.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Chelsea Gardens: Tim Smith stated that he was unable to get a response from Chelsea Gardens Foundation representative on the status of the project. The committee discussed the project's slow progress. Joanne Philbrick made a motion that the committee draft a letter to the city council and city manager recommending that the city re-evaluates the lease agreement with Chelsea Gardens Foundation. The motion was seconded by Beryl Fishbone. The motion passed 5-1, with Smith, Magnano, Barbuto, Fishbone, and Philbrick in favor, and Bilda opposed.
- b. Trails Map App: Kerry Bilda reported that he had called David Poorer, NPU, and emailed earlier in the week to get an update on mapping of trails, but did not receive a response.
- c. Concession Stand: Ryan Thompson reported that he will have the hazardous material assessment within next two weeks. He expects that the building will be demolished by his staff by the end of October.
- d. Park signage: Bill Barbuto presented his research on road signs at various locations in the park. Many signs need updating. There was discussion about what the signs should direct visitors to. Ryan Thompson will have his staff look at this and come up with recommendations. Also discussed was the orientation of the kiosk at Upper Lot. Ryan will have his staff look at it.
- e. Expansion of park boundary: Joanne Philbrick stated that Corporation Counsel recommended that the resolution to include additional city owned parcels within the park boundary should information on each parcel. Tim Smith will revise the draft resolution.
- f. Nature Walks: No update

- g. Water Tank: There was a brief discussion about NPU's recent presentation on the water tank project. Ryan Thompson did not have an update, but recommends that any parking spaces are constructed using millings.
 - h. Member Terms: Tim Smith reminded everyone that terms expire 31 December, with the exception of Joanne Philbrick. Members must re-apply through city web site. Kerry Bilda stated that he will not seek another term. Beryl Fishbone and Tim Smith are undecided. Tim Smith stated that Brandon Hyde has missed three consecutive meetings and by city policy shall be removed from the committee. He will notify the city council.
5. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Rose Garden signage - Beryl Fishbone stated that the signage at the Rose Garden is outdated. The committee discussed the signage but no action at this time.
 - b. Beach Lot walkway Tim Smith showed photographs of the walkway's condition, which was discussed, but no action at this time.
6. OTHER BUSINESS
- a. Ryan Thompson reported that the city recently received assessment reports of the two dams in the park. The dams are in good shape, but there are some items that need to be attended to. At Lower Pond, improved maintenance needs to take place at the spillway, which Public Works will do. At the Spaulding Pond dam, it was reported that the wisteria planted on the arbor walk is detrimental to the dam due to its root system. There is no immediate concern, but the committee needs to begin thinking how to address.
7. ADJOURNMENT
- Upon a motion by Kerry Bilda, seconded by Joanne Philbrick, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M