

Minutes of Lathrop North Council, July 1, 2020

Attending:

Lane Reps: Audrey, Elly, JoanB, Ginny, Edie, Nancy, Shelley

Officers: Jack, Chris, Judy H., Dennie, Dale

Staff: Thom, Rob

Jack expressed gratitude for Lathrop and invited a moment of silence.

Comings and goings

Cynthia Nyary will soon move to the Inn.

Jean Krogh & Bob Solosko housed at 46 Firethorn

Mary Alice & Bill Wilson housed at 51 Firethorn

Jillian & Peter Hensley arriving in August

Hans & Judy back on campus

Jim Dowell to retire from Music Committee in August

Appreciations and Shout Outs

Carol, for inspired leadership on Walks, Bones and Balance & BLM

Dale, our ZOOM Master & for stewardship on Environment & Landscape

Firethorn residents, for wonderful welcoming & support of new residents

Cynthia, Elly & Carol for July 4 preparation

Lathrop North residents, for common sense & discipline re COVID19; civic,

Social & political concerns regarding our community & our country

Book Groupies for new Initiatives

Lou for a month of Asparagus

Chris, for community spirit and leadership

Treasurer's report: Checking account balance is \$6355. Expenditures this month: Signage for the demonstration, pin wheels and cookies for 4th of July, Step platform for the exercise loop. The transition to the new treasurer is nearly complete.

Thom's report: Mike Strycarz has just resigned. Thom has assumed leadership of Mike's team. He will meet with us on July 17th to discuss projects.

The Grounds Guild will meet July 17th with Thom. Hemlocks have been planted on the vacant lot and the clover we asked for will be planted July 1.

Plan to begin opening Meeting House:

Beginning July 6, Lathrop will implement Phase 1 of the reopening plan by providing access to the library, fitness center and the art room on a reservation basis for individuals or couples who live together who want to use the fitness center.

When: Monday, (screening by Sarah)Wednesday (screening by Rob)and Friday(screening by Thom) from 9-1;

How: Make a reservation at the desk of the Inn at 413-586-0006 for a day and time period.

Time limits: 1.5 hrs for art room, .5 hr for fitness, and .25 for the library.

Van service for shopping now available Thursday at 10 and at 1 for up to 6 people each trip. Call Inn to reserve space.

Jen Davis is on furlough, but there is discussion of her returning, perhaps for 30 minute blocks, 3 times a week. We wondered whether there was any need to have her here when people working out. Weights and balls used for Better Bones and Balance can be checked out. (Rob will call Rowena to make sure about the balls.)

The fitness committee is creating exercise suggestions for round-about walkers to do at various stations as they stroll.

Power failures discussion

If there is a prolonged power failure, Thom will communicate with us via reverse 911. Some confusion about how to use the city's emergency notification. Shelley said we can register with National Grid to get intel about a failure. See posting at the end of these minutes to learn the process. Lane reps were encouraged to discuss how best to check in with folks during a prolonged outage.

Requests or problems from residents

-waterfalls from gutters during heavy rain

Thom said they are looking how to rectify water flows from roofs. Dale pointed out that diverters help. Screens from the hardware store also cut down on debris in gutters.

- sidewalk to Bridge Rd. needs pruning.

Thom advised to put in work requests, which can be done for community areas as well as our own space. Brenda will organize work that needs to be done from submitted work request

-Request to install ham radio antenna in space over garage. Rob offered the opinion that the resident should present his plan to abutting neighbors to see if there are objections.

- A resident asked to have considered whether we might do a fund drive for the Survival Center in the light of all the struggle and suffering caused by the pandemic. This led to some commentary about whether a donation to a single organization really responds appropriately to the magnitude of current societal disruptions. There was no general interest to pursue this idea although we are aware that individuals are supporting this important work.

Submitted by Judy Hyde, Secretary