

Taskers for GI next year – Meeting 11-21-24

- Donated Property:
 - Notes:
 - Ann Reiley may be able to get grants for us.
 - Taryn may be able to help us with a survey of what is on the property, etc.
 - Concerns about property being used by others except those who are just walking through or using as a contemplative place.
 - Benches with bars in the middle would keep people from sleeping and staying on the benches. Rose Mary reminded us that bench issue was more about safety around cars in the parking lot.
 - Concerned about trash, people smoking, etc. Currently has trash in places on the property close to the roads.
 - Official survey of the property – Make a motion to have an official survey, need a approximate budget on what this will cost to survey and have a landscape architect come up with a plan. Once we have a plan, check to see what grants are available for the tasks we want to accomplish. Janice to talk to Mike L. from town hall about who can do this and pay someone to set corner stakes. Also have utilities marked.
 - Doug Hudson may come to next meeting (Sussex Co. rep) to engage the county on availability of help.
 - Perhaps Stu to do fundraising for the property.
 - Inventory of trees and small plants – Taryn Davidson
 - Decide what to do with any invasive species
 - Make a list of things we want to do;... once planned then:
- Hire landscape architect to make a plan
 - Use this space as an educational space to understand what we are trying to do with green infrastructure. Irrigation is an issue for most plantings. Can we use cisterns for this property?
 - Reaching out to the botanical gardens for learning opportunities, activities, walking paths with learning plaques. Be cognizant of mosquito problems.
 - Walking paths – definitely (Potentially a labyrinth in the shape or has a lighthouse?)
 - Benches? donated benches
 - Stepping Stones - throught the garden with peoples names (donated)
 - Fence? No fence? Review ordinances for fencing – leave opening for people to get in an out, no gate. Have a sign about pets? No dog walking park?

- How will the property be maintained?
- Do we attempt cisterns? For irrigation of plantings, etc., smaller and non-destructive to current plantings on the property. Possible up front in the corner of Bayard and ocean highway.
- proper history plaque or multiples along walking path to honor family
- How much seed money if any so we have or can we ask council for?
- Should we plan to put up bat houses on the property?
- Plant mosquito repellent plants.
- Have a meeting with all of our speakers to get their ideas on the donated property via zoom. Focus group – may be an educational opportunity.
- Should we be part of a residential survey to see what they would like to see in this park property – for ideas? Should we engage the neighbors adjacent to the property to get their concerns?
- Do a fund raiser for this park?
- Do we put out a bid for the work?
- Make a timeline, get an idea from town hall to see their idea of time. Janice would like to see a timeline and some markers for what we would like to see.
 - Look at pollinator garden to see how things were handled there.
- Plan an arbor day event, perhaps marking trees and show people what we are planning. Taryn
- Continue educational series:
 - More speakers? Which topics? Its not just for residents but for us to have overall learning opportunities.
 - Do we do an in-person short day with multiple speakers again? Should we do one for GI? Should we reach out to Infrastructure and Environmental groups to see if we should host a combined half day event with speakers (20-30 min each). Should we add this question to the survey? Maybe have a session to update people on where we are with the property.
 - plant sale?
 - Bat houses to help manage the mosquito population