Public Buildings & Parks Committee

Minutes of 8/16/2013

Attending: Natalie Wolf (chair), Bill Doering, Merrie Stillpass, Tracy McMullan, Jane Murphy, Steve Rasfeld, Wes Brown, Scot Lahrmer, Chief Wallace, Committee member Rich Bardach was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM and the minutes from the previous meeting of 4/2/2013 were approved.

The meeting was convened to discuss the possibility of holding events at Amberley Green. The ESC and PRM desired to hold a joint overnight event at AG on September 28 that would be an overnight campout. Another Amberley group of residents wanted to hold a Village-wide yard sale on September 29th. The yard sale would benefit Amberley Village Police/Fire Dept.'s contribution to the Pink Ribbon Girls during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Both events were designed to coordinate with Green Umbrella's "Great Outdoor Weekend." Neither event will go forward for a variety of reasons, which the committee deemed should be further discussed and corrected, including 1) lack of procedure to schedule events, 2) lack of any guidelines to help determine who can hold events, 3) questions about who pays for cleanup and security when it is a Village event, 4) what constitutes a Village event vs. a private event 5) whether fees can be collected for events held on AG, and 6) what is the exact nature of the zoning of Amberley Green which is currently *used* as a park. Scot Lahrmer noted that he could not say the events could not go forward, but there was concern with use of fire for a campout.

Staff suggested one method would be to require each potential user to be granted a temporary conditional use permit by the BZA to use AG for an event.

The committee agreed to meet again with the specific purpose of answering the above questions and setting guidelines for use of Amberley Green.

No votes were taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Wolf

PB&P Chair