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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
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Greenfield Community Preservation Committee
October 26, 2023

Community Room
Elm Terrace

Members Present: David Brock, Travis Drury, Wisty Rorabacher,
Tom Guerino, Susan Worgaftik

Guests: Laura Jordan, Debbie Wilson

Meeting began at 5:45 (audio recording by David Brock)

Public Comment:
None

New Business

Community Listening Session

Travis Drury presented information about the Community Preservation Act generally, the applications that were funded in FY 2023 and the recent pre-applications received for 2024.

Discussion included a number of questions:

- If a tenant organization like that of Elm Terrace do a CPC recreation project, would it have to be open to the general public or would having it open to the tenants of the housing development be sufficient? Members said that they believe that it would have to be open to the general public but said

that if such a project came before the committee, they would check with the statewide organization for review.

- Could CPC funds be used to renovate apartments. Members responded that it could not be used for apartment renovation unless the housing had been built with CPA funds and was permanently affordable.
- It was explained that CPA funds could be used as seed money for the development of housing.
- It was agreed that there is a great need for affordable housing in Greenfield.
- It was noted that updates from the 2023 funding projects should be available soon.
- It was also noted that the Greenfield CPC has not received any open space projects yet and would welcome new ideas.
- One idea put forward is that there need to be accessible open spaces and there are very few in Greenfield. The Committee was asked whether there might be a concrete pad and a bench across the street from Elm Terrace so that people from this area might be able to look at the view. The Committee responded that this is an interesting idea and to be an acceptable project would require involvement of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and an easement with a conservation restriction.
- Another open space idea involved the providing handicapped accessible boardwalks in existing conservation land, with a particular notation about land in the eastern part of Greenfield. It was suggested that the community could work with the Conservation Commission to see if that could be developed.
- Questions about whether the creation of a community garden within the confines of a Greenfield Housing Authority development would be fundable by CPA funds was brought up. Again, Committee members suggested that as long as it

is open to the public and not just the residents of that development, it would likely be fundable.

- The idea of a path from Elm Terrace to the Green River Pool or the Rail Trail was also suggested.

It was suggested that the GCPC might do another meeting at Elm Terrace but at a slightly later time, perhaps 6:30 or 7 pm so that families with young children might be able to attend. The Committee thought perhaps such a meeting might take place late next spring.

Next meeting of the Greenfield Community Preservation Committee will be 11/30/2023 at 5:30 pm at a site to be announced.

6:29 Adjourn