

**Amberley Village Council  
Public Buildings & Parks Committee – Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2018**

In attendance: Peg Conway (chair), Tom Muething, Ed Hattenbach (committee member), Elida Kamine, Natalie Wolf, Scot Lahrmer, Bill Doering

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on December 27, 2017, were accepted as submitted.

Community Room Regulations

Several months ago, a question was presented to the Village Manager regarding the prohibition on using the community room for “political” events, after a reservation was refused on this basis. Peg Conway requested that the committee review the regulations which were established nearly a decade ago.

Scot Lahrmer provided an overview of the room’s original purpose as a training room, its later availability to the residents, the present reservation process and usage patterns, logistics of setup and cleanup, and security. He reported that Kevin Frank, the village solicitor, had indicated that the limit on political usage could be lifted if Council chose, though he expressed caution about doing so. Many questions were raised and suggestions made to update the regulations. The committee will meet again to review possible changes in detail.

Mill Creek Watershed Project in French Park

Mayor Muething presented information provided to him at a meeting with the director of the Mill Creek Watershed Council regarding a project they are planning along the creek in French Park near Section Road that involves removing honeysuckle, revegetating and adding rocks, the purpose of which is to prevent erosion that leads to contamination in the Mill Creek. They are requesting a financial contribution of \$30,000 from the Village to support their grant applications. Following discussion, the consensus was that this particular project does not align with Village priorities. The Committee expressed support for the Mill Creek Watershed Council’s work overall and hopes the Village can partner with them in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.