The meeting was called to order by Jeff Beitel at 7:08 p.m. In attendance were Linda Scott, Chantale Fieldhouse, Lane Randall, Rick Ammons, Glenn Sweet and Veronica Balassone.

--Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written to be entered into the record.

--Linda Scott gave the Treasurer’s Report. FMSP has been certified as a charitable organization by the PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations. The certificate permits us to solicit donations in the state. This will be announced on our website in the near future. The application for sales tax exemption will be filed shortly. On the Statement of Financial Position the checking account balance of $41,833 includes a recent donation of $13,000 from the Humphry Marshall Fund. The prepaid account reflects a remaining balance for insurance and software purchases which will be amortized through the year. The negative accounts receivable balance of $2550 will be reduced to zero following the fall party event. Accounts Payable includes an invoice from Flowers and More for $337.50 and a balance due to Keystone Ridge Designs for park benches in the amount of $1523.50. The Statement of Activities and Statement of Activities by Class shows a net income of $3535 from Music at Marshall concerts. The $1200 cost of a new pole installation system for the concert banner cut into the profit this year from the summer events. Linda noted that a new line item for “Playground” donations has been added to Fundraising Income.

--Jeff reported on the Playground Area Development progress. A survey of existing conditions has been completed. This is required for the eventual production of grading plans for permits. Jeff wants to see a detailed plan package developed with phases clearly mapped out for the project just as was done for the fountain area. An associated project is a Pathway System in the park that is also handicapped accessible and ideally includes a pathway along Marshall Street down to the fountain. His material preference for the path is PERC-E-PAVE which is pervious. He believes it is in keeping with the borough’s stormwater management goals and is far preferable to the macadam currently in use. He plans on approaching the borough to contribute at least 50% of the cost of these pathway improvements. This paving material is being installed presently in Hoopes Park, and is in use at Chanticleer and Stoneleigh.

--Chantale may have a lead to receive a contribution for the purchase and installation of a handicap playground swing.

--Jeff emphasized the importance of promoting the opportunity of purchasing an engraved stone around the fountain and emphasizing the proceeds go to the park in general not just the fountain. There are still many stones available for engraving.

--Jeff expressed his concern that the MSP Tree Management Plan has stalled. He is anxious to get a Five Year Plan in place. Tree labels are either deteriorating or missing despite the significant work volunteer Scott Labertino had put into labeling. Discussion took place regarding the condition of some tree limbs and the necessity of pruning. It was agreed that it is prudent at this time to take photos of trees that are in questionable health for documentation.
--The tree sculpture needs to be resealed. Several painting companies will be contacted for bids. The work involves spraying Thompson’s Water Seal on the sculpture. Chantale moved that we appropriate up to $1000 for the job, Rick seconded and the motion was approved.

--Apparently people are smoking in the gazebo and leaving their cigarette butts. There is a borough ordinance now that prohibits smoking on borough property. A sign has been posted near the playground. We would like to have three more signs posted perhaps on the doggie bag posts. Chantale moved that we request the additional signs. Rick seconded and the motion was approved.

--In addition, due to total frustration regarding installation of proper toilet seats in the restrooms we agreed that we will buy the seats next spring if the borough continues to refuse to do so.

--It was disappointing to learn that at the time of the meeting only 34 people had signed up for the Fall Party. The Events Committee will actively approach members to see who may want to come and have not yet bought their tickets in order to increase attendance.

--Rick reported on the Membership Committee. Linda congratulated him as his efforts are producing results. We have 102 members at the time of the meeting, including 33 more household, 5 individuals and 1 organization. Rick would like to get a list of new residents moving into the area. Jeff would like to improve the “goody” bag for new members by adding mugs. Lane says there are mugs currently available online through Jim Salvas. We will ask Jim to present several mug designs with the FMSP logo for consideration at our next meeting.

--Jeff reported on fountain maintenance and is pleased with the work Gary Milos of Crystal Vision Pools has done to bring the fountain back to proper functioning. $600 was spent to repair a leaking pump housing which had warped. Now proper flow can be maintained by replacing inexpensive filters twice a year. It was suggested that a photo and acknowledgement of the pool company should be on the website.

--Old Fashioned Christmas Luminaria installation is scheduled for Friday, December 6th. We will ask the Walters if they are willing to lead the effort again this year. Jeff and Anne would like to add lit garlands on the fountain fence and on the fountain this year if possible.

--The gazebo floor has been repaired with straight sawn lumber. Jeff will get an estimate to stain the new wood to age it, and to powerwash the entire floor lightly and coat it with a protectant. Rick will follow through with that. Jeff would like to approach Ron Rosenberry to repair the rustic trim on the gazebo with Eastern white cedar. Brackets are missing and rustic braces of half logs around the base are rotted or missing. He has estimated the cost at $1800. Chantale moved and Rick seconded to proceed with the gazebo repair. The motion was passed.

--The Swiss Cottage needs beaded board soffit material added to the roof overhangs. This repair is estimated to cost $2600. Linda moved and Rick seconded to appropriate the amount for the work. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Balassone, Secretary