

Recreation Commission  
City of Lambertville  
Meeting Minutes- June 17th 2020

- Call to Order and Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act -Megan
- Roll Call : present Megan, Mary Anne, Katie, Cat, Zach, Jim T,
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval Of Minutes from March 11th accepted {Motioned by Mary Anne, Zack 2nd, all in favor}
- Old business

Mary Sheridan Park

1. review of plan from Indigenous Ingenuities
  - a. Zoning Questions about moving entrances
  - b. Need to touch base with Lester re: (?)
  - c. Feedback from community stakeholders
  - d. Prioritize components (perhaps individual est cost) and realize plan that meets prioritization
  - e. Mary Anne to follow up

Rec summer program

1. State released covid-19 pandemic summer camp safety guidelines
    - a. It's in the city's best interest not to run summer program. The safety protocol is too financially demanding to make programming viable.
    - b. In process of developing new programming for summer programs (new business: dev programing for the city)
    - c. concern voiced about loss of meal programming for at need population throughout our community. Noted that there is a response to this need being provided by other resources and organizations in the city and surrounding community.
- New Business

Black Lives Matter Reflection Memorial

1. Katie O'Neil & residents want to install Black Lives Matter reflection memorial in the gazebo at Mary Sheridan Park.
  - a. Request park use
  - b. Phase one installation for one month installed on Juneteenth (6.19.2020)
  - c. Phase two undetermined
  - d. To raise awareness and provide space for residents to reflect on state sanctioned violence against Black Lives. {Cat motions to approve art installation honoring black lives matter, Mary Anne 2nd, all in favor}

Ely Park hill bridge repair project

1. Use of park increase due to covid-19 pandemic
2. Avid Trails \$2600 proposal to build bridge
  - a. Construction permits / architectural designs
  - b. Steep slope ordinance
  - c. \$3575 total
  - d. Capital expense- not our operating budget
  - e. Approve and recommend to city council requesting use of capital funds
  - f. Discussion around safety of hill and whether we decide to invest in infrastructure before other mitigating circumstances. {Mary Anne motion to approve, Zach 2nd, all in favor}

#### Interpretative Signage

1. Maryanne to work on formal long term signage

#### General park maintenance.

1. Scott connors: direct liaison with Lester going forward maintenance for the city what day is mowing happening etc
  - a. Concise direct communication with Lester about maintenance of parks dpw liaison engagement
2. Garden maintenance bid
  - a. \$960 a month | may-aug \$5000
  - b. Volunteer versus maintenance contract
  - c. Goal to plant garden for less maintenance
  - d. Equipment maintenance
  - e. Door replacement @ cavallo
  - f. bouncy/seesaw replacement @ cavallo
3. Ely park drainage basin:
  - a. Grate replaced
  - b. Maintained by the state all the way to river
  - c. We are responsible for one time clean up investment, extend fencing split rail, then quarterly maintenance should keep it clean and help to mitigate field flooding

#### Committee formation

1. social media and communications
  - a. Katie Deutsch
  - b. survey potential
2. Volunteerism

- a. Jim Troutman
- 3. program development
  - a. Cat Walker
  - b. monthly programming options for rec
  - c. special events (yearly fundraiser) Cat and Megan
- 4. Report monthly
  - a. what is happening and next steps
  - b. Sunday before rec meeting agenda items to Megan

#### South Main Street Parklet

- 1. City owned property
- 2. Sight lines dot
- 3. Cindy Ege first point of contact
- 4. Neighborhood buy in

#### Cavallo park

- 1. Native bed borders spray painted Cat and Mary Anne
- 2. Caution tape for play structure

#### Temporary ice skating rink

#### Big day out committee ryan spreen

#### Park use request

- 1. covid amendment Public health
- 2. Lambertville goes wild plant sale {Megan motion to approve, Zach 2nd, all in favor}
- 3. Ramblers football {Megan motion to approve, Zach 2nd, all in favor}
- 4. Temporary installation of picnic bench for take out eating at Cherry Street Park
  - a. Temporary use while inside dining restricted due to covid-19 pandemic
  - b. Placement south end of park along sidewalk
  - c. Maximum not to exceed 8 tables
  - d. Closed at sundown {motion to approve by Megan, cat 2nd, all in favor}

**[all park use must follow covid-19 pandemic safety guidelines]**

{Megan motioned to approve Cat as new secretary, Mary Anne 2nd, all in favor}

{Mary Anne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Zach 2nd, all in favor} 10:02pm