

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
Parks & Recreation Commission
March 8, 2023
7:00 P.M. @ Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
MINUTES

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: @7:05

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act with notice advertised in the Trenton Times, provided to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times. The meeting agenda was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the city's website at www.lambertvillenj.org.

2. Roll Call
 - In attendance: Jim Troutman, Russ Lambert, Mary Anne Borge, Michael Harriett, Missy Lide, Barry Middleberg
 - Absent: Patricia Walker, Scott Conner
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of February Minutes – Barry made the motion, Russ seconded
5. Oath of Office of new regular member, Michael Harriott – made oath, witnessed and authorized by Mary Anne. Michael to drop signed oath at City Hall.
6. Public Comment – No Comments
7. Old Business
 - N. Union/Cherry Street
 - i. Close out Sustainable Jersey Grant
 1. Interpretive signs in process; pricing and design hopefully ready for next month
 2. If sufficient funds, add shrubs at south end of park
 - ii. Select bench standard, advertise opportunity to donate
 1. Missy to look into bench options and pricing end of April/beginning of May
 - Mary Sheridan Park
 - i. Jamie Fox memorial – in progress, “Jamie Fox with birth and death date” will be the plaque copy – Mary Anne has more details
 - ii. Seed lawn – will be in spring or fall
 - iii. Landscape improvements George Street side of park and around gazebo – hoping to do in spring otherwise in the fall

- Nature Trail Improvements – good progress, hoping to complete by end of year
 - i. Received approval to use County Open Space Funds
 - ii. RFP for proposed phase 1 trails: west and south of current entrance to be issued soon

8. New Business

- Music Mountain project funding
 - i. Federal Earmark - \$450K is part of federal budget and unclear as to when it will be received
 - 1. Address hazardous Ash trees that threaten homes, Ely Park, Nature Trail
 - 2. Manage invasive species
 - 3. Plant new trees
 - ii. Alexander Bioswale and other improvements - Waiting to hear about Stormwater Management grant
 - iii. Backup plan is to see about working with Rutgers University – Rutgers Extension Services, specializing in green infrastructure for help in looking for another grant opportunity.
- Closson Property – Submitting NFWF Grant (National Fish and wildlife federation). Grant due next week and is on schedule
- Adult recreational leagues: Volleyball and basketball - Michael
 - i. Insurance shouldn't be a problem, but we need to provide insurance company with approximate start date and number of people. Make sure to have a waiver.
 - ii. Methods of communications: Our Facebook page, Lambertville Matters, (likely other outlets too) – looking to get going in the summer, there won't be a league but could be pickup games and such. Thus, refer to as "Pick up games" and not as a "league"
 - iii. Remember that courts will need to be booked in advance
 - iv. Purchasing portable volleyball nets could be explored to be kept in shed and used for volleyball pickup games
 - v. Michael will provide an update next month
- Summer Concert Series - Barry
 - i. Move to Friday nights (from Saturdays)
 - 1. Was second Saturday; move to First Friday
 - 2. Hours of 6-8pm
 - ii. Discussion regarding moving concerts from Elly to Cavallo or Mary Sheridan Park-

1. LPS construction will be taking place this summer
 2. Cavallo or Mary Sheridan are better venue options for the musicians for a variety of reasons, most significant of which is power and performance space
 3. Cavallo has parking and is a little larger but pavilion is only about 10 ft wide so it wouldn't accommodate a band, would just be space for a trio; has two electrical receptacles, though not tested. Summer Friday nights parking is packed.
 4. Mary Sheridan is a really nice setting; street won't need to be closed. Last year attendance was about 60 so this would also be an appropriate size.
 5. Barry makes a motion to approve the above plans, and Mary Anne seconded.
- Keeping Ely Park playground clean – Missy to circle back a schedule a single day. Could we do Match 25th 9-12. LWAYBSA with LPS volunteers; they will be providing bags
 - i. Lambertville Rescue Squad will be having a 'use of the AED' session
 - ii. Concerns about drainage at back of fields was raised by Jim and Mary Anne requested he compose a summary for her to take to the city
 - Ideas for partnering with SPLASH <https://www.splashclassroom.org/>
 - i. Patricia was in contact
 - ii. ~Cavallo Park-cleanup by SPLASH 4/14 in queue for facility use request below

9. Facility use requests

- Beth Gardiner, Mary Sheridan Park, Saturday, April 22, 12-8 pm, Music by the Inflexables from 4-6 pm with equipment set up and breakdown before/after. – May Anne made motion to approve and Barry seconded with the understanding that the Chamber is providing the insurance but is not hosting or otherwise involved in the event.
- Loretta Pregartner, for SPLASH, Cavallo Park for a trash clean-up, Friday, April 14, 1-4pm. – motion to approve by Barry, seconded by Michael
- John Flynn for Mary Sheridan Park for a musical performance by the Shackers, Friday, April 21, 2023, 4-10pm – motion to approve by Jim, seconded by Mike

- Shannon McCarthy, Cavallo Park, Saturday, June 3, 11:30am-3:30pm
Birthday day party- Missy made the motion, Michael seconded

10. Adjournment at 7:56pm – motion by Mary Anne, seconded by Barry