

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
Parks & Recreation Commission
July 12, 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: 7:00

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 Present: Barry Middleberg, Mary Anne Borge, Scott Conner, Russ Lambert Absent: Mike Harriett, Melissa Lide, Jim Troutman, Patricia Walker
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of June Minutes - Motion to Approve Mary Anne, Russ Second, All Approve.
5. Public Comment - Tom Ogren representing the Board of the Historical Society. The Historical Society is seeking approval for a 24" x 36" Interpretive Sign to be placed at the intersection of N. Main Street and Phillips Barber Drive inside the Holcomb property boundaries. The setback would be 15' from each street. Commission studied the model and content. Motion to approve by Scott, Russ Second, All in Favor – Approved.
6. Old Business
 - N. Union/Cherry Street
 - i. Close out Sustainable Jersey Grant
 1. Interpretive signs - Tree signs at Cherry St. Park and a Rain Garden sign at Cavallo Park discussed.
As an aside, it was decided the perennial area at Cherry Street Park will be mowed and the borders will be removed.
 2. If sufficient funds, add shrubs at south end.
 - ii. Select bench standard, advertise opportunity to donate - No updates. Mary Anne will get the information from Missy.
 - Mary Sheridan Park - No updates.
 - i. Jamie Fox memorial
 - ii. Seed lawn – offer from Joel Simmons, Earthworks

- iii. Landscape improvements George Street side of park and around gazebo
- Nature Trail Improvements
 - i. RFP for phase 1 trails – Two bids: 2nd round of bidding.
 - 1. Avid Trails: \$110,350 Mary Anne motion to approve, Barry second, All in Favor. Recommendation to the Governing Body to award the contract to Avid Trails.
 - 2. Sunset Creations: \$141,600
- Music Mountain project funding
 - i. Federal Earmark - \$450,000 from NRCS to address stormwater management above the firehouse.
 - ii. Alexander Bioswale and other improvements – Planning to revise and resubmit Stormwater Management grant – Mary Anne inquired as to why we were denied. We were asking for too much money – almost \$1 million. We are waiting for another grant opportunity.
- Holcombe Park –NFWF Grant submitted; results in August
- Adult pick-up Volleyball and basketball - No updates
 - i. Volleyball equipment purchased
 - ii. Managing events, waivers, age restriction
- Summer Concert Series - Aug 4th is the next date with The Swiss Guard. A suggestion of adding another date was made. Barry will decide.
- Green Fair, Saturday, September 30 - MaryAnne suggested trail renovations as a display, possibly Holcombe property renovation if grant is awarded.
- Pickleball – Barry suggested the areas of the large barn and large greenhouse at Holcombe Park as to possible locations for courts. Need to check with Council and the Mayor as to what the plans are for Holcombe Park.
- Cavallo Park port-a-potty – Russ called Veolia for a possible donation. No word yet. Mary Anne will also communicate with Veolia. Russ sent info on NJ Event Services in Stockton. Price is \$165/month, including a weekly cleaning. Approval from canal commission will be needed. Location was discussed. Inside the fence would be preferred. Access to clean it by the company is essential.

7. New Business

- The Historical Society would like to post a 24" x 36" interpretive sign at Holcombe Park. The proposed location is near the intersection of

N. Main Street and Phillips Barber Drive just inside the boundaries of the property. Sign design attached. **SEE PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Stewardship/Invasive Species Strike Team - Mary Anne wants to get more people involved in weeding. Scouts might be a possibility.
- Summer Camp 2024 - The question of do we want to hold it? We will discuss it next month. If we proceed, it will need to be in order by January. Mary Anne suggested a survey.
- Parks & Rec on the City's website - Needs to be updated. Barry will look at it for content.

8. Facility use requests

- Filomena Hengst for Soupcon Salon, Mary Sheridan Park, Fridays July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25, 5-9pm - For music. Motion to Approve Russ Scott Second All in favor.

9. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn Mary Anne, Second Barry, All in Favor 7:55pm