

**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE**  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**January 11, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M. @ Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center**  
**AGENDA**

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

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](http://www.lambertvillenj.org).

2. Roll Call - **Attending:** Mary Anne Borge, Barry Middleberg, Jim Troutman, Russell Lambert **Absent:** Alexis Berends, Patricia Walker, Scott Conner, Melissa Lide
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of December Minutes – **Not carried out**
5. Oath of Office - Alexis Berends, Patricia Walker – **Both Not Present**
6. Public Comment – **Lindsay Hansche and Michael Harriott both commented regarding the formation of Adult Sports Leagues. It was noted that there is a Women's Volleyball pickup on Monday evenings at LPS. Basketball was suggested in the LPS gym and there was agreement it starts as a meet-up/open night to determine interest. In warmer weather, the basketball court in Ely Park is also an option. There would need to be someone to run it. Overall, the proposal was well received.**

Mayor Andrew Nowick thanked the Commission for their work over the last year and thought it was amazing. He “thinks the world of what we’re doing for the City.”

Mayor Nowick also reported the City received a grant for an Augmented Reality walking tour of flooding impact. He suggested expanding the scope of the tour to include Ely Creek and Cherry St. Park.

7. Old Business
  - N. Union/Cherry Street

- i. Close out Sustainable Jersey Grant- We have approximately \$3500 remaining.
    - 1. Interpretive signs 2 have been suggested running between \$1,000 - \$1,500 each.
    - 2. If sufficient funds, add shrubs at south end
  - ii. Select bench standard, advertise opportunity to donate  
Waiting for Alexis to report.
- Mary Sheridan Park There is \$16,000 left to spend for improvements.
  - i. Jamie Fox memorial All liked the proposed design. It will cost about \$2,000.
  - ii. Seed lawn Seed mix for shade and traffic
  - iii. Landscape improvements George Street side of park and around gazebo Appropriate plantings to be done by volunteers, some shrubs may be done by professionals.
- Ely Park
  - i. Gaga court repairs Not settled. Estimates for repairs are very high. A new court runs about \$2600. This is tabled for the time being.
  - ii. Gaga court flooring Not a priority. Mayor Nowick suggested not replacing the floor and leaving it as concrete, since this is what is recommended by Gaga court vendors. He will interface with LPS if necessary.
- Nature Trail Improvements
  - i. Application for County Open Space Funds Will be submitted 1/12. Asking for \$180,000. May be notified by early February.
  - ii. RFP for proposed phase 1 trails: west and south of current entrance Will be issued after we hear results from Application for County Open Space Funds

## 8. New Business

- Music Mountain project funding
  - i. Federal Earmark \$450,000 for Woodland Restoration.
    - 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 We were

supposed to hear by the end of December, but still no word.

- Bike Lambertville
    - i. Bike repair stand and pump at Cavallo Park Generally inclined to be favorably disposed once specs, size and exact location are submitted.
    - ii. Outdoor Community Bulletin Board (more info and specs attached) Not approved for Cherry St. Park. Mary Anne suggested a small sign near the bike repair stand with a QR code for more information. Approved for Cavallo Park. Mary Anne motion to approve for Cavallo. Jim second.
  - Adult recreational leagues: Soccer/volleyball/kickball/basketball? Mary Anne will check into Insurance.
  - Half pipe for skate boarders? Alexis investigating.
  - Ideas for keeping Ely Park clean – Missy, Patricia Alexis Jim suggests this is unnecessary
  - Ideas for partnering with SPLASH <https://www.splashclassroom.org/>
  - Ideas for [Local Recreation Improvement Grant \(LRIG\)\\*](#)
    - i. Max request \$100,000
    - ii. Application due January 20 Not being pursued.
9. Facility use requests
- Teach2Serve – Thrift Fair, June 3 Ely Park – more information is needed.
10. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Mary Anne. Second by Jim at 7:55pm.

\*Local Recreation Improvement Grant funds will be awarded to successful grant applicants to help cover costs associated with updating community centers, playgrounds, pools, fields, walking or bicycle trails, rail trails, multi-sport courts, and recreational facilities; one-time personnel costs directly related to improvements; project development professional services costs; equipment costs including playground and recreation facilities equipment; and environmental remediation costs required to prepare recreation sites for use.