

**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE**  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**September 13, 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: 7:00pm

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 Present: Mary Anne Borge, Jim Troutman, Russ Lambert, Barry Middleberg  
Absent: Missy Lide, Mike Herriott, Patricia Walker, Scott Conner
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of August 9, August 31 Minutes Motion to Approve August 9 – Scott; 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry; All in Favor. Motion to Approve August 31 – Mary Anne; Russ 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in Favor
5. Public Comment
6. Old Business
  - N. Union/Cherry Street
    - i. Close out Sustainable Jersey Grant
      1. Interpretive sign
      2. Additional plantings
    - ii. Select bench standard, advertise opportunity to donate  
Awaiting Missy's research.
    - iii. LMUA request for easement (new business) 25' strip along south end of Cherry St. Park. Two trees need to be dealt with. Oak tree needs to remain. Dogwood removed and replaced. Lawn area replaced with low grow fescue and micro clover. Motion to Approve Easement Request - Mary Anne; 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry; All in Favor
  - Mary Sheridan Park
    - 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 Avid Trails has been working on it. Mary Anne motion to work with Sourlands Conservancy to plant trees between the switchbacks. 2<sup>nd</sup> Russ; All in Favor.
- Music Mountain project funding
  - i. Federal Earmark No Update
  - ii. Alexander Bioswale and other improvements – Looking for another grant opportunity
- Holcombe Park, aka Closson Property – NFWF Grant awarded \$322,000. Christy Pollack instrumental in grant. Lauren Kovacs from LGW is the landscape architect.
- Summer Concert Series
  - i. Reimbursement for ruined equipment-status Barry filed insurance claim with City insurance company.
- Green Fair, Saturday, September 30 Russ, Mary Anne and Barry will be there representing Parks and Rec.
- Cavallo Park port-a-potty Russ has a potential source of funding for next year - The Prall Family Trust is interested. Potty is still in trial period.
- Broken Playground equipment at Cavallo, Ely Making progress. Mary Anne acquiring parts. Some repairs have been made. Only spent \$400 so far.
- Park Stewards Mary Anne is working on an idea to train volunteers to weed, remove invasives, planting, etc.
- Parks & Rec on the City's website Try to review by October meeting.
- Bollards Too many restrictions led to too much expense. Not pursuing.

#### 7. New Business

- Councilwoman Lambert's donation to Parks & Rec Generously donating the remainder of her stipend - \$550. Parks thanks her. Mary Anne Motion to Approve "thank you". Russ 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.
- Jim – announcing booth at Ely Field almost complete. Temporarily approved for use.

#### 8. Facility use requests

- Ok to refund deposit? Filomena Hengst for Soupcon Salon, Mary Sheridan Park, Fridays July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25, 5-9pm Mary Anne Motion to Approve; Barry 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in Favor.

- Filomena Hengst for Soupcon Salon, Cavallo Park, Friday, September 29 6-9 PM Music performance of tropical band, Slow Noche. Please confirm there is power there. If not, we will host at Mary Sheridan.  
Mary Anne Motion to Approve; 2<sup>ND</sup> Barry. All in Favor.
- Lauren McManus, Cavallo Park, Saturday, September 23 10am-1pm  
Lazer's 4 year birthday party Mary Anne Motion to Approve; Russ 2<sup>nd</sup>  
; All in Favor

9. Adjournment Motion to adjourn – Mary Anne; 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry; All in Favor.  
7:40pm