

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
Parks & Recreation Commission
June 8, 2022
7:00 P.M. @ Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
AGENDA

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Meeting called to order 7:02pm

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
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of May Minutes
5. New Commission Member – Russ Lambert – Introduction and Oath of Office
6. Old Business

- N. Union/Cherry Street

- i. Lambertville awarded \$20,000 Sustainable Jersey grant
- ii. Review of plans

New plan focuses on vegetation, rather than permeable surface. Plan takes into consideration concerns of climate change, flooding/manage storm water.

Plan overview:

- Plant ~20 trees outlining and increasing tree cover around the area. Will still be a large open space.
- Planting understory planting below the trees. Will help to reduce amount of mowing needed, increased absorption of storm water, beautify the area.
- Bike Lambertville has offered to donate bike repair station
- Four benches will be placed around the park
- Green, open space that still gives plenty of space for people to enjoy. No formal game/athletics court.
- 2016 plans had idea for community garden. If the city recommends a community garden is something we

want/should do, there is a raised area for gardening/vegetation.

-Review of grant sponsors and community partners

*Question – Will they be native trees? Yes. It will also be a mix of tree species (proposed list provided), it can be harmful to have all of one species, so we want to plant more of a variety of types and heights. Perennials to be planted underneath are still being decided on, looking at deer resistant species.

- Bike Repair Station for N. Union/Cherry Street
Did not get grant they had applied for, but are still willing to donate one bike repair station to Lambertville for Cherry Park
- Parks & Rec Budget – Waiting for approval
~\$17k available (just under) (as per Mayor Nowick)
- Mary Sheridan Park
 1. Benches
 - Patricia Walker connected with a carpenter to examine benches for possible restoration – metal frames are usable. Still looking for pricing information/estimates on replacing/refurbishing the wood slates.
 - If cost of refurbishing benches is too high, we will investigate getting all new benches to replace (General Recreation)
 - *Action Item* - Get dimensions of wood slates (Patricia)**
- Cavallo Park
 - i. Merry-go round – Looking for vendor to repair, or replace
 - ii. Seesaw repair – Have quote from General Recreation
Will need someone to actually do the repairs.
- Ely Park
 - i. Lighting – upgrade to LED - 11 lights at parking lot, playground, basketball courts. Mike Johnson to complete by June 15, 2022
Work has been completed at this point
***Action Item* - Thank you card – Missy will bring card to next meeting for us to sign**
 - ii. Gaga court flooring – tiles need to be replaced
- Summer Camp June 20th – July 29th
 - i. Status – Mary Anne
Have enough registrants to run the camp
Have 1 full-time counselor, possibility of hiring a 2nd part-time counselor

- Community recreation activities/events
 - i. Second Saturday Concert Series – Mary Anne, Penny
 - Standard for every concert to be held: 1) all bands will be staged in the gazebo, where there is an outlet, 2) bands/entertainment will need to provide their own equipment
 - Barry (Bike Lambertville) is providing a sound system to use for this Saturday, 6/11, and his band will also be playing!
 - Rain date → do not have one pre-planned for the June event. Will need to cancel this month's event in the event rain.
 - Will make a final determination by 12pm 6/11
 - Plan for future events: Will use the following Sundays as tentative rain dates for now (July 10 & August 14) and we will reach out to bands to confirm availability
 - *Action Item* Penny to reach out to bands about rain date availability**
 - Possibility of needing to change August date – miscommunication with band on the date of their booking, waiting on confirmation of availability
- Facility inspections before & after events (facility use requests)
 - i. Need capacity limits for structures
 - i.e., weight, person capacity
 - *Action Item* Mary Anne to email Mayor Nowick who will then reach out to fire official and/or construction office to determine**
 - ii. List of items to be checked
 - Missy has been in contact with the head of Parks & Rec for Doylestown. Unfortunately, they have continued to need to reschedule meetings - TBD

7. New Business

- Lambertville awarded ANJEC Grant for rehabilitating (planting) fenced rain garden at Cavallo Park
 - Will probably happen in the Fall
 - Planting perennials with the help of volunteers
 - Adjacent condo residents will possibly help with upkeep and care
- Ideas for community recreation activities/events?
 - *Action Item* Missy will bring updates of proposed activities and things being planned with the Greater Lambertville Chamber of**

Commerce, as well as any potential opportunities for us to partner with them on something

8. Facility use requests

- Mary Sheridan Park for Saturday October 22, 2022 with a rain date of Sunday October 23, 2022 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Denise Nardi for Animal Alliance of NJ (Non-Profit). The purpose: Pet Masquerade

Jim motions

Missy 2nds

All approve

- Ely Park sports fields & Snack Shack for Monday-Friday, 5-8pm, Saturdays 8am-10pm, Sundays 8am-6pm, August 1 – November 30. Purpose: Youth Cheerleading and Football practice and games. Jim Troutman for Lambertville Ramblers & Little Ramblers Cheer and Football

Mary Anne motions

Patricia seconds

Approve

- **Acapella group. Sunday, 7/24, 3-5pm → Concert for Hopewell Hall Acapella Ensemble, will be collecting donations to benefit the Delaware Valley Food Bank.**
-They don't really have the insurance for this kind of event → (Mayor Nowick) insurance has been taken care

Mary Anne motions

Missy 2nds

All approve

9. Announcements

Mary Anne – Call for volunteers

Thursday, 6/16 (~10am-12pm)

Project: weeding & gardening @ Cherry Street Park

10. Public Comment

No public comment

11. Adjournment

Patricia – motion to adjourn

Mary Anne – seconds

All approve

Meeting adjourned @ 7:53pm