

Parks & Recreation Commission
City of Lambertville
Meeting Minutes Sept 9th 2020

- **Roll Call:** present: Katie Deutsch, Jim Troutman, Scott Connors, Mary Anne Borge, Cat Walker, Megan Ruf.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Review of meeting minutes**
 - Add Megan to attendance for August Meeting
 - Motion to accept Aug meeting minutes Megan
 - Mary Anne 2nd
 - All in favor
- **Old business**
 - Mary Sheridan park
 - Mary Anne Borge - Parks&Rec point for Jaime Fox Fund for Mary Sheridan park
 - Jaime Fox left money to Lambertville for Mary Sheridan Park improvements.
 - Community Input
 - Rick Buscavage; Jaime Fox family contact
 - Lou Toboz and Karen Taylor; Friends of Mary Sheridan Park
 - Kalmia Club
 - Historical Society; Jail Restoration Project
 - Bid Process
 - Gathered 3 bids
 - Lowest bid accepted
 - Indigenous Ingenuities (II); Carl Molter contact
 - Key Discussion Points Of II plan
 - Establish very clear access points define access points to the park
 - Heavy use from pedestrian and dog walkers
 - Add more seating
 - Planting design removes invasive species /Replace with native shrub palette
 - Oak trees at corners worth preserving
 - Low mow and maintenance mix for yard
 - Public Comments
 - Rick Buscavage
 - Call to artist community to create bench design
 - Plaque in the boulder field to honor Jamie Fox
 - Louis Toboz
 - Raised \$14,000 for the fence

- All the bricks must be preserved and used
- Kelly Sullivan
 - Manhole York street fountain is it in the scope of this project? Parks & Rec will follow up on this outside of the scope of the Fox bequest
 - One garbage at the corner maybe another can?
 - Parks & rec received dog waste station funding for parks in town {mary sheridan placement to be considered}
- Mary Ann Ransome 52 George street
 - Memorial plantings in some of the beds, should be left
 - Bricks at bottom of the war memorial can't include bricks for fence donors, because of hallowed ground
- Heather Martin 41 York Street
 - Like adjustment of entrance on south side of park
 - Expanding the space around the monument
 - Agree the lawn is getting chopped up by the path
 - Address the gazebo use better
 - Suggests the garage outside the park behind the Kalmia building as a good place for a mural
 - Jail may want to create more of a paved area usable paved space
 - Like the planting choices
 - Concerns with manhole plumbing access to non functional fountain
 - Path is not necessary
 - Like other types of grasses.
 - Not sure how stones will affect roots of pine tree
 - She paid to Air spade and seed backyard of Kalmia because of concern for the roots of an ash tree on her property.
- Other public comments:
 - Want to preserve more lawn
 - Suggest connecting the new path to the entrance at
- Capital improvement request for funds approved at council meeting:
 - Ely park bridge approved
 - Dog waste stations
 - Pick up locations how many we can strategically place. Meant for the parks.
 - Ely park lighting repairs.
 - Changing out all the lights turned to led lights football lighting
- **New business**
 - State of New Jersey/ Forestry Division/ Patricia Kalleser

- sh trees and Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) will be removed along d&r canal from Holcombe Jimison to the wing dam, Ash trees because they are being killed by the Emerald Ash Borer and pose a hazzard, Tree of Heaven because they are the preferred host of the Spotted Lantern Fly. Both insects are not native, and invasive.
 - They will plant new trees along the canal south of Cavallo Park
 - They will also contact the NJ Water Authority to ask them to mow less along the tow path.
 - NJ Parks will not directly notice citizens. City will be responsible for noticing citizens
 - Patricial Kallesser is in touch with Brian from the Shade Tree Commission.
- Basketball hoops reinstalled at LPS
 - Reach out to Lester to have hoops have reinstall
 - Play at own risk
- Pandemic Signage at Parks
- Park Facility use
 - Cavallo Park Pavillion
 - Park use request Sara Scully 9/26 9-1:30pm contingent upon completion of paperwork
 - Mary Anne motion to approve
 - Jim 2nd
 - All in favor
- **Committee Updates**
- Social Media/ Outreach
 - Thank you Katie for posting on social media
- Programs
 - Cat creating scavenger hunts
- Volunteer
- **Miscellaneous**
 - John Glostein stepped down as Secretary of the Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Zach Berliner stepped down from Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Introduce Penny Brach volunteered 20 years w/ Montgomery township
- **Adjourn**
 - Megan call to adjourn at 9:42pm
 - Jim to 2nd
 - All in Favor