

**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE**  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**May 10, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M. @ Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center**  
**AGENDA-MINUTES**

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act at 7:01 P.M.

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
  - In Attendance: Jim Troutman, Russ Lambert, Mary Anne Borge, Missy Lide, Barry Middleberg, Mike Harriett
  - Absent: Scott Connor, Patricia Walker
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of April Minutes – Barry Made the Motion, Russ Seconded
5. Public Comment – No Comments
6. Old Business
  - N. Union/Cherry Street
    - i. Weed whacking responsibilities being shared by Russ, Bary and Mike
    - ii. Close out Sustainable Jersey Grant
      1. Interpretive signs – 3 bids for sign installation
        - a. \$1,000 Zenowitz
        - b. \$1,184 from Thomas Officials
        - c. \$425 from Hollywood Fence, LLC – motion to accept Hollywood Fence bid
        - d. Mike made the motion to approve contracting with Hollywood Fence, Barry Seconded. All in favor
      2. If sufficient funds, add shrubs at south end
    - iii. Select bench standard, advertise opportunity to donate
      1. To be researched by Missy prior to next meeting  
(Start with [General Recreation Inc.](#))
  - Mary Sheridan Park
    - i. Jamie Fox memorial

1. Mike is looking into the platform for the plaque tile and is communicating with the vendor that the artist suggested using
- ii. Seed lawn
  1. Joel Simmons, Earthworks, offered to do soil testing and has since been unresponsive
  2. Mary Anne to look to contract for the fall in the event that Joel remains unresponsive
- iii. Landscape improvements George Street side of park and around gazebo
- Nature Trail Improvements
  - i. RFP for phase 1 trails – 2 Bids
    1. ~\$84K Abbot Trails and they did not provide the RFP stated stipulated legal documents
    2. ~\$158K Sunset Creations and they did not provide evidence of doing similar work previously
    3. Neither bid can thus be accepted. Will have to go back out to re-bid after May 18<sup>th</sup> city council meeting May, 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Music Mountain project funding
  - i. Federal Earmark
    1. Mayor and Mary Anne met with NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) representatives about the earmarked funds for MMT and stormwater management
    2. There are three canyons on mountain from storm drains, which money will likely be designated
    3. More to come within 1-2 months
  - ii. Alexander Bioswale and other improvements
    1. Waiting to hear about Stormwater Management grant, which was submitted last year but the award notification timeframe has been pushed back a second time for “this spring.”
- Closson Property –NFWF (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation) Grant submitted; award decision is expected in August
- Adult Pick-up Volleyball and Basketball
  - i. New email created to use: [LambertvilleSports@Outlook.com](mailto:LambertvilleSports@Outlook.com)
  - ii. Mike created two flyers – one for Volleyball and one for Basketball
    1. Will go on P&R FB page

2. Will go into Lambertville Matters
  3. Can it go on Lambertville FB page? Can we distribute flyers at some of the community Bulletin boards?
  4. Starts after Memorial Day
  5. Mike will put together a proposal for a set-up volleyball net with tent pegs purchase with competitive pricing to email to commissioners prior to next meeting (~\$500)
- Summer Concert Series
    - i. Two of three bands are booked
    - ii. Barry will start advertising next week
    - iii. Barry to provide promotional materials for Parks and Recreation FB page and Lambertville Matters
      1. Can it go on Lambertville FB page? Can we distribute flyers at some of the community Bulletin boards?
  - Green Fair, Saturday, September 30 at Ely Park; more information to come next month; Probably 10-3.
  - Ely Park Update
    - i. After last storm, the drain was left closed and had to be drained after severely flooding the field. Jim called Lester and together they uncovered the drain so the water could move to drain. This required a backhoe and was done around 9pm Saturday evening.
    - ii. Later Mayor Nowick met with NRDC and there is an understanding that it needs to come off; it is currently half covered. While the drain cover has been a relayed concern, the flooding from when the drain cover could not be removed proactively for a storm, now has attention to be remedied.

## 7. New Business

- End time for park events – no later than 9pm
- Rocks – Members to think of potential use over next month
- Pickle Ball Court discussion
  - i. Perceived and likely demand exists
  - ii. Would need at least two and must be a flat space
    1. Could Arnett Park be an option?
  - iii. Barry will be exploring this (There is a private back yard pickle ball court near Chimney Hill Inn, next to Council Person Stegman's house)
- Explore renting a Port-A-Potty for Cavallo Park for April to October
  - i. All to think about protentional sponsors

- ii. Mary Anne to look into a bit more
- Ely Park needs some weed whacking near accessibility ramp
  - i. Barry to take a look this week
- 8. Facility use requests – Missy made the motion to approve, Barry seconded
  - Naveena Waran, Cavallo Park, Saturday, May 20st, 10am-12pm, birthday party.
  - Mary Anne Borge/Liz Peer, Ely Park Pavilion area, September 30, 9am-4pm, Green Fair. Hours for fair are 10am-3pm.
  - Nicole Slack, for LPS PTA, Ely Park Pavilion/Courts, and Sports fields if available, June 7, 4-7pm, end of year celebration
  - Sarah Walsh, Cavallo Park pavilion, Saturday, August 5, 11am - 4pm, for a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday party
- 9. Adjournment @ 7:58 P.M.– Mary Anne made the motion, Mike seconded

Minutes Recorded by Missy Lide