

Parks and Recreation Commission  
City of Lambertville  
Meeting Minutes February 10 2021

- Call to Order
  - 8:03pm Call to Order Megan Ruf
  - Open & Public Meetings in accordance with the open public meeting act
  - Posted with Hunterdon county democrat and the Trenton times and city website
- Roll Call
  - Present
    - Mary Anne Borge
    - Katie Deutsch
    - Megan Ruf
    - Penny Marold
    - Cat Walker
    - Jim Troutman
    - Scott Connors
    - City Council liaison: Benedetta Lambert
  - Absent
    - Patricia Walker
- Motion to Approve Minutes
  - January Minutes
    - Push to approve in March Meeting
    - Send to Benedetta Lambert
- Old Business
  - Mary Sheridan Park Update
    - Tree work requested to be done
      - Three trees on the street fall under the purview of the shade tree commission
      - One tree inside park, white pine. T&T has looked at it, given \$750.00 estimate to have tree trimmed for health
        - Pending clarification what is s the cost threshold for putting it out to bid
        - Megan makes motion to approve &750.00
        - Cat 2<sup>nd</sup>

- All in favor
  - Bench replacement- review option recycled plastic bench
    - Mary Anne recommends plastic benches 800.00 a piece
    - Memorial plaques would be transferred
    - Plastic versus metal
    - Aesthetic
    - Megan recommends general recreation as a resource
    - Wood look is what we are going for more comfort?
  - Update the master plan
    - To accommodate change to the walk from George Street entrance to jail requested by the Historical Society costs \$75.00
    - Megan motion to update master plan
    - Mary Anne 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - All in favor
- Capital Improvement Repairs Fund- update
  - Ely park bridge replacement –
    - working through plans and next steps
    - filing permits for an install in March – April
- Dog Waste Station
  - Funding approved
  - Waiting for weather for install
  - March April timeline
- Ely park lighting repairs
  - Funding approved
- Cavallo Park
  - Garden Border Project
    - Sunken wooden edging of tree stumps, differing heights, for border
    - Penny talked with t& t
    - Stumps to be sunk 15-18 inches in the ground
    - penny to look into more details re installation
    - Eagle scout project?
  - Broken Equipment
    - Waiting for final po???
    - Split rail fence needs attention after encounter with snow plow
  - Winter Seeding at Rain Garden

- Tabled until other gardens in better shape
- LPS School Garden
  - Permits and drawings approved
  - Waiting on install timeline
  - Builder volunteering time Larry Valenski
  - Niece donated lumber
- Committee Report
  - Volunteerism
  - Program Development
    - Summer Program
      - 5 weeks
      - proposed start date June 28<sup>th</sup>-july 30<sup>th</sup>
      - online camp registration
        - email Cindy re next steps
        - Katie suggests simple tix
      - Director Needed job posting
    - Evenings in the Park
    - Memorial Day Bike Parade
      - Katie talked with Cindy
      - Idea was to tack on to Memorial Day when streets are closed already
      - People are already out
      - No timeline exists for Memorial Day parade as of this date
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Series
      - June 12<sup>th</sup> Band at Ely Field Park
      - July 10<sup>th</sup> Family movie night at Cavallo Park
        - Popcorn
        - Coordinate with library
      - August 14<sup>th</sup> Band at Ely Field Park
    - Monthly Themes with Activities Planned
      - March- bunny hung scavenger hunt prizes for three winners
      - April-Earth Day
      - May-Flowers
      - June- Summer Fun
      - July – 4<sup>th</sup> of July
      - August – Beach
      - September-Back to School

- October- Hallow
  - November-Thanksgiving
  - December-Winter Wonderland
  - Community Clean-Up Days
    - Spring –Fling
    - Fall Fun-Day
  - Social Media and Communication
    - Once calendar is hammered out will be posted
    - Graphics needed
    - Basic graphics Cindy maybe cat
  - Brain Storm for Earth Day Events
    - Collaborate with environmental commission
    - Scavenger hunts
    - Contact south Hunterdon
    - Tree planting
    - Butterfly counting (summer event)
    - Grade specific tree plantings {kids follow tree throughout school career}
- New Business
  - Tree Removal Ely Hill and Private Residence
    - Rich from t&t proposal to take down trees on hill
      - Propose 150ft buffer
      - Tag trees
      - Three tier system of tagging
        - Immediate danger
        - Close to immediate
        - Future potential
        - Longer term
          - Replant and stabilize
          - Grant money for tree work
  - Jim Troutman
    - FYI permits to move score board
      - Currently in the umpire line of sight
      - Minimal price
      - Request to Mr. Rogers
    - Announcing booth
      - Asking for a motion to support keeping portable for one more season

- Mary Anne motion to approve keeping structure portable for 2021 football and cheerleading season
    - Megan 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - All in favor
    - Abstain Jim Troutman
  - Public Comments
    - John Thomas from Bike Lambertville
    - finalizing options and locations for bike repair stations
    - priority cherry street and cavallo park {inside gate on towpath side} third option corner of bridge and s union st behind Christmas tree
  - Possible to Create Fillable Pdf for the Facility Use form?
- Adjourn
  - Mary Anne Borge motion to adjourn at 9:47pm
  - Penny 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - All in Favor