

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
Parks & Recreation Commission
October 12, 2022
7:00 P.M. @ Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
Minutes

Called to order @ 6:57pm

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

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

In attendance: Jim Troutman, Mary Anne Borge, Russ Lambert, Alexis Berends, Barry Middleberg, Patricia Walker, Scott Connor

Absent: Missy Lide

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of September Minutes
5. Oath of Office and introduction – Alexis Berends
6. Old Business

- N. Union/Cherry Street

- i. Tree installation/planting

Installed this week by Thomas Lee Fisher – need to monitor to make sure they are getting enough water
Deer protection around trunks - \$228

Motion to spend \$228 on deer protection for trees – Mary

Anne

2nd – Barry

All approve

- ii. Plan for planting herbaceous perennials - October 15, rain date October 16 – Volunteers?

~2,000 plants

Need help transporting – Russ, Barry, Jim, Lambertville Goes Wild volunteer

Still looking for more volunteers***

iii. Watering – initial by contractor, subsequently as needed by fire department

iv. Edging

Plants will need protection while they are being established

Initial estimate for stakes needs = ~60-75

~\$20k from Sustainable NJ grant → ~\$2k to spend on edging

- Trees = ~\$12K
- Herbaceous plans = ~\$3,700+

Going to continue looking into prices and material options

- Bike Repair Station for N. Union/Cherry Street

Barry update → obtained construction permit, currently getting in touch with contractor to schedule and coordinate work. Should be happening in the next 1-2 weeks

- Mary Sheridan Park

- Benches

DPW will most likely not be removing old benches, Mary Anne reached out to another contractor as a possibility, but nothing officially locked in yet.

Donate a bench (Cherry St Park) → need to choose bench to fundraise with

-Wood/recycled wood bench materials

-Needs to be anchored

*Action item, Alexis – identify style options, get estimate on total cost including installation

- Plans

Issues an RFP for entire landscape masterplan → 2 bids, both over \$100k.

- Going to look at doing everything one piece at a time and looking at what we can do with volunteers

**Alexis to be commission point person on MS park, Patricia to support

- Cavallo Park
 - i. Seesaw – repaired!
 - ii. Plan for Rain Garden Planting was delayed by rain; took place October 6
 - iii. Split rail fence needs repairs
Russ getting estimate from contractor on fence, as well as Gaga court repairs at Ely +bridge on nature trail
- Ely Park
 - i. Gaga court repairs – Russ **(see notes above)**
- Summer Camp
 - i. Survey for 2023 prospective campers
 - ii. Plans for 2023
Need to have backup plan for rainy days and days that are too hot
Lambertville Academy may have a room we can use
The Jesus School might also have a room available
Other ideas:
 - **Methodist Church?**

****Action item #1 → Mary Anne to check about Ely Park being available in the Summer**

****Action item #2 → speak with Superintendent about what locations they are using during the Summer and what might be available**

- Nature Trail Improvements
 - i. Need to post RFP for proposed trails west and south of current entrance
Mary Anne should be getting the RFP by November meeting
- Music Mountain project funding – **TBD**
Won't hear more on grant decisions until December/early 2023

7. New Business

- Ely Park - picnic table repairs
Short term solution – fix the benches Russ & Jim

****Action Items:**

- look into possible skateboarding equipment (dimensions, costs, labor, equipment, etc.), (Alexis)
- look into city liability and insurance specifics and process
- Cavallo Park – 2 dead trees near fenced rain garden, Ash trees around perimeter of park will need watching because of the EAB
- Memorial benches (Jim Troutman) → consideration for memorial bench at Ely park, was approached by people that might be interested in a bench in between the two sports fields
*Jim will bring photo of the bench to discuss at next meeting

8. Facility use requests

- Old – ok to reimburse deposit? Yes
 - i. Cavallo Park, Saturday, September 24, 2022, 12-4pm, Christine Guhl-Sadovy, for a birthday party, rain date September 25, 2022, 12-4pm

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn → Mary Anne

2nd → Patricia

All approve

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00pm