

## **CITY OF TRENTON**

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

### **MINUTES**

**MEETING PLACE: CIVIC HALL - 11 EAST STATE STREET**

January 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hill called to order the regular meeting of the City of Trenton Parks & Recreation Board at 6:00 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Leichman conducted the roll call. All members were present.

Motion to excuse alternate member, Ms. Paulson, was made by Ms. Hale and seconded by Mr. Perry. All were in favor.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hill asked for the approval of minutes from the December 12, 2023, Regular Parks Board meeting. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Croucher and seconded by Ms. Smith. Six were in favor and Mr. Perry abstained. Motion passed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of a Memorial for Local Veterans.

Mr. Hill opened up the floor for discussion. Justin Bartin, a resident of Trenton and neighbor to Matt Hill addressed the board. He spoke in favor of having a Veterans subcommittee and expressed his interest to serve as a committee member. He is currently an acting head of HR in the armed services.

Cody Agee, a resident of Trenton, expressed his interest to serve as a committee member. Mr. Hill stated that he could participate in the discussions but would like to reserve the subcommittee positions for veterans.

Cody Agee, from the audience suggested that February would be the cut-off month that the subcommittee would be formed. The board agreed.

Ms. Hale referred to last months parks board minutes regarding establishing a deadline to nail down the big picture items and establishing timelines and a deadline. Mr. Croucher agreed that they should do this. It was decided by the board that May would be the target month to for the board to recommend to council their intentions for the size and type of memorial to be constructed.

2. Teresa Nichols spoke at the podium about her workout program that she has been leading since 2020. She wanted to update the board about moving those indoors during the winter months. The winter location will be at Grace Pointe Nazarene at 8:30 AM every Saturday.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Announcement from Mayor Perry
  - a. Mr. Perry resigned from the Parks Board this evening stating that his new additional duties as the newly elected Mayor would require more of his time.
2. Vote to fill Vacant Board Seat
  - a. **Mr. Hill nominated Ms. Christina Lucas to fill the vacant position. Mr. Croucher made the motion and Ms. Smith seconded. All were in favor. This term expires on 12-31-25.** Mr. Hill asked that Mr. Leichman run an ad to fill the vacant position as a Parks Board Alternate member.
3. Election of Chairman
  - a. Ms. Hale nominated Mr. Hill as the chairman. Mr. Croucher seconded. All were in favor, Mr. Hill abstained.
4. Election of Vice-Chairman
  - a. Mr. Hill nominated Ms. Hale as Vice-Chair. Ms. Osuna seconded. All were in favor. Ms. Hale abstained.
5. Discussion to Amend Board Adopted Rules
  - a. Mr. Hill led the discussion of what happens at the end of a board members term, and how we currently handle that. He stated that there appears to be some confusion and there were no rules stating how this process should occur. Currently, when a board members term expires and they want to continue to serve for an additional 3-year term, they are permitted to do so. He stated that city ordinances do not require there be a member of city council on the board. The number of board members is also not specified. Ms. Hale suggested that we add a section to the rules that would address the appointment of board members. Mr. Croucher stated he did not see a problem at this time and he thought the board should vote if they want them to come back especially since they have alternates. **It was suggested that we contact the city attorney regarding potential language to address this request. Mr. Leichman stated he would do so on behalf of the board.**
6. Select the date for Spring Fest
  - a. Postpone this discussion for next meeting.
7. Select Potential Titles for Movies in the Parks (Tabled potential 5<sup>th</sup> selection till February)
  - a. While there was much discussion regarding which movies to select, the final movies chosen were: **Super Mario Brothers, Trolls Movie III, Space Pups, and Nightmare before Christmas.** There was some discussion regarding adding a fifth movie and date TBD. It was decided to table that decision this until the February meeting.

## REPORTS BY THE BOARD OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS

1. Mr. Leichman wanted to thank Mayor Perry for his dedication and service to the Parks Board. He stated that Mayor Perry had served on the board since 2014 and was a major player in creating and establishing the parks system as you see it today.  
Mr. Leichman also informed the board of the meeting that took place earlier today between the Kleingers Group Landscape Architects and city staff. It was our parks kick-off meeting to start developing plans and costs for the improvements the board recommended to council for each of the individual parks and Veterans Memorial.  
He also mentioned that all Trenton mailboxes should have received the Trenton Connections quarterly mailer, which specifically covered, in detail, requests to Trenton residents for Veterans to participate and voice their opinions to the board at their February 13, 2024 regular meeting.

2. Ms. Lucas informed the board that on January 20, 2024, "Echo's of the Edge", the Edgewood's High School and Middle School Show Choir will be performing at 7:30 in the Edgewood Middle School Auditorium. This is their competition show and the cost is \$5 per family. Students are free some come on out!
3. **Mr. Hill stated that he would like a motion from the board recommending to council that the city purchase eclipse glasses for the event happening in April so that our citizens could safely view, for free, the solar eclipse that is coming up. All were in favor.**
4. **Mr. Hill asked if someone from the city would contact EHS and the Library and partner with them to share the cost of the glasses.**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Hale and seconded by Ms. Lucas. All were in favor.

Mr. Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.