

# ***CITY OF TRENTON***

## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Place: Civic Hall - 11 East State Street

January 10, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hill called to order the regular meeting of the City of Trenton Parks and Recreation Board at 6:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Recited.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Leichman conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mr. Hill, Ms. Hale, Mr. Perry, Ms. Smith, Mr. Melloh, Ms. Lucas, Ms. Osuna, Mr. Croucher.

A motion to excuse Ms. Cooney was made by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Hale. Motion carries.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. Hill stated that we were going to go out of order on the agenda in order to elect new board members as we are in a new calendar year. Mr. Hill asked the board for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the parks Board. Ms. Hale nominated Mr. Hill as Chairman. Mr. Hill accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chairman. Mr. Hill nominated Ms. Hale for Vice Chairman. She accepted. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Hill asked for a roll call for nominating Mr. Hill as Chairman of the Parks Board. All were in favor, Mr. Hill abstained. Motion carries.

Mr. Hill asked for a roll call for nominating Ms. Hale as Vice Chairman of the Parks Board. All were in favor, Ms. Hale abstained. Motion carries.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 Regular Parks Board meeting was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Lucas. Mr. Perry abstained. Motion carries.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### 1. Discussion on possible Memorial Gardens/Memorial Trees

Mr. Hill turned the floor over to Mr. Perry for discussion. Mr. Perry discussed interest from the public for having trees or a garden dedicated to people in the community and allowing those folks to purchase a tree and a plaque and place it in the park to create a memorial. The idea for this being to put in place some type of program, policy and or guidelines that can be followed when residents ask about memorials. Ms. Hale spoke about having uniformity of the plaques. Mr. Perry stated that he would like to have standardization on the type of trees we have available, an area for the trees to be planted, and a standardized plaque and the costs associated for these. It was suggested to have the Parks Board

review all of the memorial requests and then recommend approval to the City Manager. Ms. Osuna asked about including memorial “rock type” gardens. Ms. Hale mentioned referring to the Parks Master Plan and making sure we place these memorial trees accordingly. Mr. Hill stated that each application would need to be evaluated independently by the board for conformity. Mr. Croucher discussed warranties on trees and watering correctly. Mr. Leichman offered to bring back a couple of existing “Memorial” programs/policies from other communities for the board to consider. The board agreed. Mr. Hill stated he would like some type of language from our city attorney to protect the city for the approval process. There was much discussion by all.

## **NEW BUSINESS-continued**

### 2. Select the date for Spring Fest

Mr. Hill stated that the board need to select the date for this event. He added that administration’s recommendation to the board was to have it on **Saturday, June 3, 2023**. It was mentioned that Edgewood’s last day was May 18 so Prom was not going to be an issue. Mr. Hill asked for a motion to recommend to council June 3, 2023 as the date for Spring Fest. Motion was made by Mr. Croucher and seconded by Me. Perry. All were in favor. Motion carries.

### 3. Discussion regarding Butler Soil/Water Conservation District (BSWCD)

Mr. Hill led this discussion. He passed out a handout describing the type of interactive trailer that they could bring to an event, for free. He would like to have them bring this educational trailer to our Spring Fest event for our community to experience. Ms. Lucas stated she had been through one of these before in Hamilton and it was very educational. Mr. Hill asked that this be passed along to Mrs. Leichman for consideration to be included in the Spring Fest.

### 4. Select Dates and Titles for Movies in the Parks

Mr. Hill informed the board that historically, we have shown the “Movies in the Park” on the second Saturday of the month starting in June and finishing in October. There was some discussion about considering moving the June as it was close to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Fest, but it was decided not to move the movie and stay consistent to the second Saturday of the month. The following dates were selected:

**June 10, July 8, August 12 and September 9.**

Following the selection of dates, there was much discussion on kid friendly movie titles. Mr. Perry stated that one request that he received from the public was not to play 3-hour movies as these didn’t wrap up until midnight. He requested shorter movies to keep from running past midnight. The board agreed. It was mentioned that food trucks will be scheduled for these evenings as well. **The Parks Board agreed to ask the public for any “child friendly” movie selections or recommendations they would like to see shown at our Movies in the Parks events. Recommendations should be submitted back to us by noon on February 10 through our city Face Book page.**

Mr. Perry asked if we could utilize the fiber we have in place. He asked if they could be streamed instead of purchasing to save money. Mr. Leichman stated he would check to see if streaming was an option. Much discussion ensued on this topic however, no final decisions were made this evening. More to come at our February meeting.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **REPORTS BY THE BOARD OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS**

Ms. Lucas reported that Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., the Edgewood Foothills Soccer Board will be meeting at the concession stand to discuss Spring soccer.

Also, on January 21, at 7:00 p.m., the Choraliers and Overtures will be performing their duet at the Edgewood Middle School. \$5.00 to the public, Edgewood students are free.

Mr. Hill informed the board that Butler County Metro Parks will be disposing of undecorated live Christmas trees through February 1, for recycling. Trees can be dropped off at Meadow Ridge area of Elk Creek Metro Park, Timberman Ridge Area of Forrest Run, Rentschler Forrest Metro Park and VOA Metro Park. These trees will be used to create natural habitats for wildlife.

Rumpke also picks up live Christmas trees here in town.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

February 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Croucher and seconded by Ms. Hale. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.