

MINUTES– PARKS BOARD

City of Trenton, Ohio

January 12, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Regular Parks Board Meeting

Meeting Place: Via Zoom and Facebook Live

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chairman Ryan Perry.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mr. Perry, Ms. Cooney, Ms. Hale and Mr. Hill.

Motion to excuse Ms. Haas, Ms. McIntosh and Ms. Fry was made by Ms. Cooney and seconded by Mr. Hill. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve or amend the minutes of the November 10th, 2020 Parks Board Meeting as submitted was approved by Ms. Hale and seconded by Mr. Hill. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

- a. *Per The City of Trenton Charter, Article VI, Boards and Commissions, Section 6.04 Organization which states: " At the first meeting in each year, each board, commission, agency or authority of the City of Trenton, created by this Charter or by ordinance of Council, shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its membership."*

Mr. Perry stated we might be the first board to elect it's' members by Zoom. He explained that he felt the best way to accomplish this might be for everyone to raise their hands to vote for who you choose so that everyone can visually see this happening. Mr. Perry asked if there were any objections to this. There were none. Mr. Perry stated we will start with nominations for Vice-Chair. Does anyone have any nominations? Mr. Hill nominated Ms. Paula Hale. Ms. Cooney seconded the motion. Mr. Perry asked for a show of hands for those in favor. **All were in favor of Ms. Hale for Vice Chair of the Parks Board.** Motion carries. Next, Mr. Perry asked for a nomination for Chair of the Parks Board. Ms. Cooney nominated Mr. Perry and Mr. Hill seconded. **All were in favor for Mr. Perry as Chair of the Parks Board.** Motion carries.

REPORTS BY THE BOARD OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS:

Mr. Perry asked for reports from the board. Mr. Hill started by stating that he had discussions with someone working at Barn n Bunk in December while picking out a Christmas tree asking if there any interest in reviving the Christmas Parade tradition in Trenton and partnering with Barn n Bunk. He wanted to bring it to the board’s attention for their consideration. Mr. Perry stated he remembers these parades in the past and stated if the board was interested he would bring it up a council meeting and have a discussion about it to gauge their interest. Mr. Hill and others liked the idea.

Mr. Leichman then shared the 2021 Parks budget. He went over it in detail with the board. Mr. Hill asked about installing some battery powered cameras for now if possible. Mr. Leichman sated he would ask Mr. Green, the city’s I.T. Director about those and report back to the board. Mr. Perry asked about the fiber to Community Park. He stated since this would benefit the water system by connecting the wells to the plant with fiber as well as the parks, could we have the OEPA pay for this. Mr. Leichman stated that he doubted that the EPA would be on the hook to pay for anything however, he understood why he was asking as the two are tied together. Mr. Perry also thanked the members on the board and council for their work on putting on events to generate interest in our parks over time. He remembers in the past when the parks budget basically consisted of gas for the mowing crew and not much more. He stated it continues to be an investment for the city and he is appreciative of everyone’s efforts. Mr. Leichman went over some of the future years projects on the budget, most importantly the replacement of the two parks play structures in Community Park that were installed in 1999. They are in definite need of replacement.

Mr. Perry stated that it’s time to start thinking about movie dates and types of movies for our 2021 season.

Ms. Hass did make it to the meeting, just in time for adjournment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

February 9th, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom and Facebook Live

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made to adjourn was made by Ms. Haas, seconded by Ms. Hale. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

***Please be advised that these minutes have not been reviewed, amended or approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and will be done so at their next regular scheduled meeting on February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live.**