

CITY OF TRENTON PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2021

Call to order

Mr. Perry called to order the regular meeting of the Parks Board at 6:00 on October 12, 2021 at The Civic Hall, 11 E. State Street

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mr. Leichman conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mr. Perry, Ms. Hale, Ms. Haas, Mr. Hill and Ms. Smith.

Motion to Excuse

A motion to excuse Ms. Cooney and Ms. McIntosh was made by Ms. Hale and seconded by Mr. Hill.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, September 14, 2021 was made by Ms. Hale and seconded by Ms. Hass.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

New Parks Board Member Introduction- Emily Smith

Mr. Perry introduced Ms. Emily Smith. Ms. Smith was sworn in at the last council meeting. She is the owner of, Keys to Your Dreams, a local business in Trenton.

Community Pianos - Ms. Smith

Ms. Smith proposed an idea that she has already introduced at the last city council meeting. Ms. Smith is interested in bringing public pianos to Trenton. These are donated pianos that are not repairable. They would be painted/ decorated in bright colors and placed randomly throughout the city. Mr. Perry asked, who will be responsible for maintenance/care, acquiring and removal of the pianos. Ms. Smith volunteered to facilitate the acquisition and the follow up care of the pianos. She would require assistance with placing and removing. Mr. Leichman advised Public Works is able to assist in

transporting pianos. Mr. Perry asked for any objections. Ms. Hale likes the idea, but she would like more details such as; resources needed by the city, what type of storage will be needed, is a seasonal program, etc. Ms. Smith responded that this is seasonal, likely a summer/fall program. There would be no storage required as the pianos would be dismantled and disposed of after use.

Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan Presentation by Aaron Sorrell

Mr. Sorrell is with Community Planning Insights. He educated and updated the board on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan which he is currently working on for the City of Trenton. We are in the phase 2 of 5 in planning. Mr. Sorrell provided a great amount of insightful information. He went on to advise that the overall response received from the residents, is that they want to build on the small town charm, family friendly atmosphere, safe neighborhoods and quality schools. He notified the board/ public that we have a parks survey out now and encouraged anyone watching on FB live, please go online to <https://arcgis/PCPmr> and complete the survey. Mr. Sorrell asked, in general, what does the parks board wants to see happen with the city parks? At that time, Mr. Hill asked about grant funding. Ms. Hale asked about a dog park and splash pad, two ideas that are regularly brought up by the residents. Mr. Perry asked about the redesign of Home Ave Park. Mr. Sorrell, reiterated they are still in the information gathering stages and suggests the board meet again with himself and his colleague's (Jose) team. All agreed to coordinate a meeting at a later date.

Selecting the date for 2021 Community Christmas

Much discussion around the selection of a date that will not conflict with other nearby community Christmas events. The event will entail Christmas music, tree lighting and small specific food vendors. Ms. Leichman suggested that the tree lighting is possibly more appropriate downtown at Founders Park. Ms. Hale made a motion to schedule Community Christmas at Founders Park and the City building on December 4, 2021. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Smith advised the board, her students would not be able to participate as previously discussed at the Community Christmas event if it is on the Dec. 4th due to a schedule conflict. The board discussed moving the event to Friday Dec 3, 2021. **Ms. Haas made a motion to move Community Christmas to Friday October 3, 2021, Mr. Hill seconded, all in favor.**

Selecting the date for 2022 Fall Fest

Ms. Leichman advised the board that a tentative date for Fall Fest 2022 is October 1. It is the same day as this year and in-line with previous years. Mr. Perry made a motion to select October 1, 2022 for Fall Fest, seconded by Ms. Hale. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports by Board or City Administrators

Ms. Nichols updated the board on workout in the Parks- The attendance has been great and now they are working out on Saturday morning. The workouts have been moved to the amphitheater to be able to continue workouts regardless of weather conditions. Mr. Hill asked if Ms. Nichols could provide the parks board some photos. He would like to highlight and promote the workout in the parks program. Ms. Nichols agreed to provide some photos.

Tim Bogan with Trenton Nazarene- Mr. Bogan is interested in doing a Trenton Summer-Fest or Family-Fest in the spring, geared more towards family. He is working on involving the churches more.

Rob update on Fiber- No update available at this time. Mr. Green is working on this project.

Rob update on Playground equipment- Our playground equipment is stuck on a cargo ship. This has been the case for the past three weeks. Most likely scenario, the playground and ADA swing set will both be installed in the spring. Once the equipment arrives, the weather conditions and temperatures will better determine when installation can begin. Ms. Harris asked that we keep the residents updated on the status of the playground equipment, via social media.

Ms. Smith announcement- Ms. Smith wants to make the board/ public aware that “National Character Counts Week” is Oct 17-Oct. 23rd. Ms. Smith along with the EMA has asked Trenton businesses display signs in their window fronts along Main Street. The signs are an array of positive character qualities the children are learning at school.

Date of Next Regular Meeting

November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Civic Hall

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Hale, seconded by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Perry adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

*****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 November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.***