

CITY OF TRENTON

PARKS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 9, 2021

Call to order

Mr. Perry called to order the regular meeting of the Parks Board at 6:02 p.m. on November 9, 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. Cooney, Ms. Haas, and Ms. Smith.

Motion to Excuse

A motion to excuse Ms. Hale, Ms. McIntosh and Mr. Hill was made by Ms. Cooney and seconded by Ms. Haas. All were in favor.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, October 12, 2021 was made by Ms. Cooney and seconded by Ms. Smith. All were in favor.

Unfinished Business

1. A Motion to add the item and discussion on whether we add a Spring Festival for 2022. Motion was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Ms. Haas. All were in favor. Mr. Perry led the discussion regarding this. This festival will be more focused around family and children. The EMA will be involved.
2. A Motion to recommend having a Spring Festival was made by Ms. Cooney and seconded by Ms. Haas. All were in favor. Discussion regarding dates and times followed. Mr. Perry suggested to see if the EMA had any interest in combining the Spring Festival with the Easter Egg Hunt on the 16th of April. This event will be held at the Community Park.

New Business

1. Comprehensive Plan & Parks Master Plan Presentation by Aaron Sorrell
Aaron made a detailed two part presentation to the board.

2. Parks Board Mission Statement-Mr. Hill

It was decided to push further discussion on this subject to the December meeting under unfinished business.

3. 2022 and Beyond Board Goals / Outline-Matt Hill

Mr. Hill discussed his thoughts and concerns on this. He stated he is wanting to look and plan ahead so that we don't get behind. He suggested having an outline for events reoccurring every year so that the board is better prepared to accomplish things in an efficient manner. Mr. Perry suggested we wait until the comprehensive plan is done. The board can then work on our mission statement and look into future years and discuss budgeting for future projects with council.

4. Home Avenue Park Playground Equipment / Plan-Matt Hill

Mr. Hill suggested we start talking to vendors about future playground equipment at Home Avenue. Mr. Leichman suggested we see what the Park Master Plan recommends for the Home Avenue Park overall. Great discussion ensued regarding this topic by all board members.

Reports by Board or City Administrators

1. Community Piano's Update-Emily Smith

Ms. Smith discussed her plan dividing the city into 6 different sections for coverage of her pianos. She currently has three pianos now and would like to have three more. She would prefer covered spaces if possible. She is looking into August, September and October months to place the pianos out in the public as these are the least rainy months. Artists will be painting these pianos prior to placing them outside.

2. Community Christmas Event Update –Rob Leichman

On Friday, December 3rd from 6-8 pm at Trenton's Founders Park. Live performances from the students of "Keys to Your Dream". Hot and Cold beverages will be served.

3. Additional Comments- Mr. Hill

Mr. Hill talked about opening lines of communications with various other organizations in the county such as Metro Parks, MCD, Butler County Soil and Water Conservation District, Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program, etc. He spoke about funds available for parks that are available to us.

Date of Next Regular Meeting

December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Civic Hall

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Ms. Cooney.

Mr. Perry adjourned the meeting at 8:16 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 December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.***