

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
January 13, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The meeting of the Parks Commission was held in the Gourgaud Gallery in Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, on January 13, 2016, at 9:15 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Wendy Borg called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. and acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 1, 2015, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

REORGANIZATION

Joan Smith was administered the Oath of Allegiance as Member, First Alternate, before the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS

Thomas Weidner was re-elected Chairperson on a motion by Christine Parker, seconded by Sally O'Grady. All were in favor. Christine Parker was re-elected First Vice Chairperson on a motion by Julie Hardaker, seconded by Sally O'Grady. All were in favor. Julie Hardaker was elected Second Vice Chairperson on a motion by Sally O'Grady, seconded by Christine Parker. All were in favor.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sally O'Grady, Michele Kemper (9:25), Joan Smith, Christine Parker and Julie Hardaker were present. Thomas Weidner, Ellie Sitrin and Lisa Rue reported their absence by email.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Patty Janowicz, resident

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 9, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Julie Hardaker; seconded by Christine Parker. All others were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project - No discussion or emails.

Township Budget 2016 – Township Administrator Denise Marabello sent an email of the budget proposal for 2016 to Mrs. Borg and Mr. Weidner. Mrs. Borg read aloud the line items and the requested amounts. The Commissioners have several questions about the line items. Has the requested repair of the Village Park fence been taken into account in the 2016 budget proposal? Commissioners would like to be informed of the expenditures and would like to know if the annual maintenance and goal list is used in creating the budget proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Subcommittee Review

Hagerty Preserve – Tabled until February meeting.

Millstone/Shadow Oaks Preserve – Tabled until February meeting.

2016 Goals/2015 Year End Report – This report will be drafted by Mr. Weidner and brought to the Commission.

Volunteers for EC and Rec meetings – Mrs. Smith can attend the January EC meeting. Ms. Rue confirmed by email that she can attend the January Recreation Commission meeting.

Recreation Commission News – There was no December meeting.

Shade Tree Commission News – No report.

Environmental Commission News – The Commission continues to work on updating the ERI and the Sustainable Jersey Schools project.

Village Park mulch pile – Mrs. Smith reported that a large pile of unusable mulch remains in the parking lot near Dirt Mountain and should be removed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mrs. Janowicz asked about the Year End 2015 and Goals 2016 report. She is concerned that the general public would have a chance to comment on this before it is approved and sent to the Township Committee. Mrs. Parker assured her the public would be able to comment on it at an upcoming meeting and she would make her concerns know to Mr. Weidner to make sure the public comment would be included. Mrs. Janowicz also wondered why the Shadow Oaks Preserve has been tabled for several meetings.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. Motion by Sally O’Grady; seconded by Christine Parker; all were in favor. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the acting recording Secretary of the Township of Cranbury Parks Commission and that this document, consisting of two (2) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on January 13, 2016.

Secretary
Wendy W. Borg