

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
June 15, 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 June 15, 2016, at 9:15 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Thomas Weidner, Chair of Parks Commission, called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. and Wendy Borg 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.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Christine Parker, Thomas Weidner, Julie Hardaker (left 9:45), Norma Swale, Sally O'Grady, Joan Smith, Ellie Sitrin and Michele Kemper were present. Lisa Rue reported her absence by email.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 11, 2016 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Chris Parker; seconded by Julie Hardaker. Ellie Sitrin abstained. All others were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Eagle Scout Project - Mr. Weidner received an email from Mikey asking for approval. He would like to meet him and the Village Park subcommittee at the park and would like someone from Scouts there also.

Heritage Park Vegetation Removal – Jerry confirmed that the dead trees were removed by Sav-A-Tree. Some ivy was removed by Public Works. Also, the homeowner did not request the removal.

Mrs. O'Grady noted that there are several dead trees still in Heritage Park, and Jerry has noted on the conference sheets that this task of removing dead trees is complete. She also noted that presently in the area near this homeowner, a lot of weeds are growing because of the full sun.

Conference – Denise Marabello and Jerry Thorne – Mr. Weidner noted it was a positive meeting. The list of maintenance, short term goals and long term goals reviewed. They have responded with answers to every point. The next step is to review their answers and meet with them again to discuss.

Also discussed was the budget and working with the Township Committee liaison David Cook.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Recreation Commission News – No report.

Shade Tree Commission News – Mrs. Swale checked on the cherry tree and reported that it didn't look robust. No watering bladder was placed on it. She requested that it be watered properly. The Commission is also working closely with the state Department of Agriculture office and experts from Rutgers on the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in Four Seasons. They are creating and carrying out a management plan of treatment and cutting down trees. There will also be public education and outreach for residents on how to handle ash trees on private property.

Environmental Commission News – Mrs. O'Grady reported a laminated map will be placed at Unami Woods trailhead. A butterfly garden will be planted in the Cranbury Brook Preserve.

Memorial Park – Holly Trees - Township Committee received complaints from Veterans that the American flag is in touch with the holly trees. Jerry checked into moving the flag pole, but it is cost prohibitive. The trees could be pruned back but they could die. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Swale volunteered to work with Sav-A-Tree on the pruning this Fall.

Heritage Park – Growing Grass - Complaints from residents that the strip of grass along Main Street at the entrance of Heritage Park looks unkempt. It was advised that Main Street can be mowed before Memorial Day. The interior grass, around Judy's meadow, can be left to grow until June. Mrs. Swale suggested the grass not be cut before Memorial Day because the crocus will be cut too early for them to bloom again. She suggested a different level of mower blade. Mrs. Kemper suggested the crocus be dug out and re-located into a smaller area.

Heritage Park – Parking problem – A large number of cars were parked last week for a pre-prom party on the grass at Heritage. Discussion on an ordinance for not parking on grass in township parks.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. Motion by Norma Swale; seconded by Joan Smith; 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 June 15, 2016.

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Secretary  
Wendy W. Borg