

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
October 12, 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 October 12, 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, Norma Swale, Sally O'Grady, Julie Hardaker, Thomas Weidner, Lisa Rue and Michele Kemper were present. Ellie Sitrin and Joan Smith reported their absence by email.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 14, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Julie Hardaker; seconded by Christine Parker. Lisa Rue abstained. All others were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Memorial Bench in Memorial Park – No discussion.

Eagle Scout Project – The map has been approved. The Commission thanks Mikey Frost for his project and contribution to the township park system.

Playground Expansion Heritage Park – Mr. Weidner visited the park and drew out a draft of the area with the new perimeter. He suggested that the Recreation Board decide on the equipment.

Ms. Hardaker expressed concerns for a potential tripping hazard with the seam.

Mr. Weidner noted that one issue is the composition of the edging - plastic vs. wood - and that cost is possibly a factor. Also, one tree will need to come down to add the new tot lot.

The Recreation Board is working on enlarging the tot lot with a new playscape. The Foglia family would like to donate a special needs swing, and perhaps another one or two regular swings. Recreation has decided that the two pieces of balance equipment will be removed because they are not well used, and the swings will be in that area in replacement.

Ms. Kemper suggested the swing be placed in Millstone Park instead of Heritage Park because trees would not have to be taken down. Ms. Foglia prefers Heritage Park so the swings can be near a possible memorial bench.

Motion to approve the new footprint of the park, with a condition that the seam won't create a tripping hazard, and for the Recreation Commission to pick out equipment and to maintain the park; by Michele Kemper; seconded by Chris Parker. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Meeting – November 2 evening – Switched back to November 9 in the morning. Commissioners checking into dates for an evening meeting December 13, 14, or 15. Secretary will check with Township Committee liaison Dave Cook on his availability.

### Annual Parks Inventory –

*Hagerty Preserve* – A bench could be placed a half-mile into the Pin Oaks Loop Trail. Add to inventory list - maintain trail and add natural wood bench to area beyond Pin Oaks Loop trail sign.

*Millstone Park* – Contains eight benches including an existing memorial bench that is a different style than the others. The bowl in the water fountain has turned a brownish color. Ms. Rue will continue to assess this park.

*Heritage Park* – Contains 15 benches; desire for three more benches – two more on north end, one on Main Street.

*Memorial Park* – Update list with landscaping around the silver electrical box and remove or maintain the life preserver box. Discussion on future memorial benches and if they should be designated for military personnel.

*Barn Park* – Replace one dead tree.

*Unami Woods* – Mrs. O'Grady completed some maintenance work on the trail. A small GPS trail sign is desired at the entrance sign, as well as another wood/rustic bench.

Recreation Commission News – No report.

Shade Tree Commission News – The Commission is continuing the Emerald Ash Borer management plan. A tree inventory will be completed. A public outreach session will be held at the township public library this month.

Environmental Commission News – The township was awarded Bronze re-certification from Sustainable Jersey.

Meeting Dates 2017 – The list of the meeting dates for next year was approved on a motion by Julie Hardaker; seconded by Sally O'Grady. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Motion by Sally O'Grady; seconded by Julie Hardaker; 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 three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 12, 2016.

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Secretary  
Wendy W. Borg