

FRIENDS OF PASSAIC COUNTY PARKS, INC.
January 14, 2019 Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members present :

1. County Administrator Designee: Matthew P. Jordan, Esq.
2. Director of Parks and Recreation Designee: Greg Moore
3. Director of Cultural and Historic Affairs Kelly Ruffel
4. Vice-Chairman George Silva
5. Chairwoman Alice Szepietowski

Members Absent :

1. Freeholder John W. Bartlett
2. Kelly Pascrell
3. Robert Spiotti
4. Jamie Dykes

A roll call brought the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

The announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act was made by Jordan.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Silva to open the public portion of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

No members of the public were present.

A motion was made by Silva and seconded by Moore to close the public portion of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Silva and seconded by Moore to approve the December 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Jordan informed the Board that he had a preliminary discussion with the Horizon Foundation regarding reallocating a grant award to Camp Hope to purchase fitness equipment. Moore is going to work with the Parks and Recreation Director to quote equipment prices for Camp Hope so that the grant funds can be expended.

The 2019 meeting dates were publicly advertised in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and will take place on the second Monday of each month, with the exception of October and November, because of holidays. All meetings take place at the Dey Mansion Visitor Center.

Ruffel went through 2019 programming in the Passaic County Park System that will be funded by the Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc., including the following:

- Tuesdays in the Plaza;
- Shakespeare in the Park;
- Summer Concerts;
- Passaic County Fair;
- Wine & Cheese at the Dey Mansion; and
- Lambert Classic 8K

Budgets for each program will be established for presentation and approval by the Board at the February meeting.

There were no Committee Reports.

Outside of reviewing account balances, there was no new information presented in the Treasurer's Report.

Under New Business, the Board discussed Resolutions 19-01 and 19-02, which authorized grant applications to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Grant Program.

Resolution 19-01 authorized a Green Acres Grant Program application for the Highlands Preserve Athletic Field Improvement Project in West Milford, New Jersey. The project is similar in scope to the almost complete Goffle Brook Park Athletic Field Improvement Project that was previously funded by Green Acres.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Silva to approve Resolution 19-01.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 19-02 authorized a Green Acres Grant Program application for the John W. Rea House Historic Landscape Restoration Project. The project is similar in scope to the almost

complete Dey Mansion Garden Restoration Project, being funded by a Green Acres grant award to the County of Passaic.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Silva to approve Resolution 19-02.

Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Silva discussed a conversation he had with the Clifton Recreation Department regarding joint programming at Weasel Brook Park. He asked if the Clifton Recreation Department Director could come to a Board meeting to discuss same. The Trustees present all agreed and welcomed a potential partnership.

Under Correspondence, there was a November 14, 2018 letter from the American Hiking Society regarding membership renewal. Jordan reminded the Board that we previously registered as a member to become eligible for grants, but the application was not successful. The Board decided to let the membership lapse.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Moore to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.