

FRIENDS OF PASSAIC COUNTY PARKS, INC.
November 18, 2019 Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

1. Freeholder Director John W. Bartlett
2. County Administrator Designee: Matthew P. Jordan
3. Director of Parks and Recreation Designee: Greg Moore
4. Director of Cultural and Historic Affairs: Kelly Ruffel
5. Daryl Walton
6. Vice-Chairman George Silva
7. Chairwoman Alice Szepietowski

Members Absent:

1. Kelly Pascrell
2. Jamie Dykes
3. Robert Spiotti
4. Andrew Smith

A roll call brought the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Jordan made the announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The following three members of the public spoke:

1. Vera Lazar, 22 Spencer Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey. Thanked the Parks Department for the installation of interpretive signs on the Rifle Camp Park Nature Trail and Barbour Pond improvements. Congratulated County on securing grant for improvements to Rifle Camp Park. Encouraged County to designate Rifle Camp Park as a natural area. Asked if County can host "bio-blitz" event similar to what is done in Essex County.
2. Ann Schnakenburg, 216 Washington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey. Spoke about designating Rifle Camp Park as a natural area and designating the dog park area. Urged the Board to hold the Oktoberfest at Rifle Camp Park next year. Spoke against the City of Passaic's proposed land swap.

3. Kurt Schnakenburg, 216 Washington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey. Praised the Parks Department for the Nature Trail at Rifle Camp Park. Spoke against the City of Passaic's proposed land swap.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Walton to close the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Jordan addressed the items brought up by the members of the public. Specifically, he stated that the designation of Rifle Camp Park as a "natural area" is not under this Board's jurisdiction; the Board will look into a "bio-blitz" event and refer to the County's Parks and Recreation Coordinator; and that the Board had no jurisdiction or say over the City of Passaic's proposed land swap.

A motion was made by Bartlett and seconded by Silva to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, Jordan went over several grant awards received by the Friends since the last meeting, specifically a grant award from the New Jersey Historic Trust, two grants from the Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council, and two Green Acres grant awards.

A motion was made by Walton and seconded by Bartlett to authorize the execution of the grant agreements with the Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council for projects related to the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and Tuesday's in the Plaza.

Motion passed unanimously.

There was no Committee Reports.

Under Treasurer's Report, Jordan went over budget reports for three events: Dey Mansion Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, Oktoberfest at Weasel Brook Park, and Lambert Classic 8K. The Board agreed to review the reports and discuss at the next meeting what events will continue in 2020.

Under New Business, the Board considered two resolutions.

Resolution 19-07 authorizing change order no. 3, acceptance, release of retainage, and final payment for the Goffle Brook Park Athletic Field Improvement Project officially closes out said project and allows the Treasurer to secure the final reimbursement from Green Acres.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Moore approving Resolution 19-07.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 19-08 authorizing a grant application to the Safe Routes to School National Partnership. Jordan informed the Board that this application is still being developed, but because of time restraints he is seeking an authorizing resolution to meet the grant deadline.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Moore approving Resolution 19-08.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 5:20 PM.

/ s / Matthew P. Jordan
 Secretary, Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.