

FRIENDS OF PASSAIC COUNTY PARKS, INC.
February 7, 2023 Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

1. Commissioner John W. Bartlett
2. Director of Parks & Recreation Designee: Greg Moore
3. Director of Parks & Recreation Designee: Kelly McManus
4. County Administrator Designee: Marc Seemon
5. Chairwoman Alice Szepietowski
6. Vice-Chairman George Silva
7. Kelly Pascrell
8. Linda Nardone
9. Pat O'Connor

Members Absent:

N/A

A roll call brought the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Seemon made the announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Bartlett to open the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously.

No one from the public was present.

A motion was made by Bartlett and seconded by Moore to close the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went out of order to host nominations of officers for the new calendar year.

A motion was made by Bartlett and seconded by Pascrell to elect Szepietowski as Chair and Silva as Vice-Chair for 2023.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Pascrell and seconded by Bartlett to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting.

Motion passed with two abstentions by Silva and Szepietowski.

There was no old business.

Under Committee Reports, O'Connor reported having located a vendor of teak benches and ordered two.

Under Programs and Events, Seemon reported that there will be three hundred events in the parks this year.

Under Treasurer's Report, Seemon gave an update on the state of the bank accounts. Accounts are in good standing.

Under New Business, a few project and grant items were discussed. The first item was on authorizing an application to the Green Acres Grant Program for the Vreeland House Rehabilitation and Site Improvements project. The project is set in Highlands Meadow Park in Ringwood, NJ and includes reuse of the site to serve the community with programs and a visitor center. An outline of plans was presented.

A motioned was made by Nardone and seconded by Pascrell to approve resolution 23-01.

Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of Resolution 23-02, authorizing an application to the New Jersey Cultural Trust for a Capital Preservation grant in the amount of \$40,000 for Dey Mansion. There is no match to this new grant program.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Bartlett to approve Resolution 23-02.

Motion passed unanimously.

Seemon presented a request by the Parks Department for funding the installation of a new putting green at Preakness Valley Golf Course.

A motion was made by Nardone to approve the request, seconded by Bartlett.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Seemon and seconded by Bartlett to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

/ s / Kelly C. Ruffel
Secretary, Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.