

FRIENDS OF PASSAIC COUNTY PARKS, INC.
September 6, 2017 Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members present :

1. County Administrator Designee: Matthew P. Jordan, Esq.
2. Director of Cultural and Historic Affairs Kelly Ruffel
3. Jamie Dykes
4. Jeffrey Buonforte
5. Vice Chairman George Silva

Members Absent :

1. Freeholder Director Designee John W. Bartlett, Esq.
2. Director of Parks and Recreation Darryl Sparta
3. Robert Spiotti
4. Kelly Pascrell
5. Chairwoman Alice Szepietowski

A roll call brought the meeting to order at 5:17 PM. Vice-Chairman Silva presided over the meeting in Chairwoman Szepietowski's absence.

A motion was made by Buonforte and seconded by Dykes to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

A short discussion ensued regarding the September 13th Wine and Cheese Fundraiser at the Dey Mansion. Ruffel updated the Board on the ongoing planning efforts and the format. The William Paterson University jazz band will be providing entertainment, and approximately 50 guests are currently confirmed.

Jordan presented a budget report on the 2017 Passaic County Fair. The Board went over the spending and revenues line-by-line. The Fair was the most successful to date.

Vice-Chairman Silva asked about the status of the Memorial Bench and Tree Program brochure. Ruffel stated work on a new brochure is ongoing and should be completed by the end of the year for review so the program can be better advertised to the public.

Jordan presented an update on the non-profit's bank accounts, and went over a budget report on the 2017 Summer Concert series that concluded at the end of August with the final show at Weasel Brook Park. It was determined that next year more monies need to be invested in marketing the concerts with local ads and lawn signs in the parks. Jordan also recognized Vice-Chairman Silva for his efforts to draw nearly 200 Clifton

residents to the final concert in Weasel Brook Park, the most attended concert of the series. Next year a banner will also be made to wrap around the stage.

Under new business, three grant applications were presented to the Board to the 1772 Foundation, New Jersey Historic Trust, and New Jersey Council for the Humanities for various projects to market the County's historic sites and other rehabilitation efforts. Ruffel explained each resolution, and what projects would ensue if the funding was granted.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Buonforte to authorize a grant application to the New Jersey Historic Trust - Discover NJ Historic License Plate Heritage Tourism Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Buonforte to authorize a grant application to the New Jersey Council for the Humanities - Incubation Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Dykes to approve the grant application to the 1772 Foundation.

Motion passed unanimously.

Jordan presented a proposal by Statutes.com to commission a monument of General Marquis De Lafayette at Goffle Brook Park. Jordan explained that pursuant to conditions put on the construction of the turf athletic field at Goffle Brook Park that the County was required to install a historic marker in the park, and that this monument could fill that obligation for the County. Ruffel explain the history of Lafayette in Goffle Brook Park, including his encampment during the Revolutionary War. Jordan stated that this is just the planning stages, and there will be more information before the end of the year.

Jordan stated that for 2018 that a budget will be prepared and approved by the Board because of increased funds in the non-profits bank accounts, and that proposed meeting dates for the rest of 2017 will be emailed to the Board. Moving forward, all Board meetings will be held at the Dey Mansion in the Preakness Valley Park, as the parking and access are more convenient.

A motion was made by Dykes and seconded by Buonforte to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.