

FRIENDS OF PASSAIC COUNTY PARKS, INC.
September 1, 2016 Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members present :

1. Freeholder John W. Bartlett, Esq.
2. County Administrator Designee: Matthew P. Jordan, Esq.
3. Director of Parks Nick Roca
4. Jamie Dykes
5. Vice Chairwoman Alice Szepietowski
6. Chairwoman Meaghan Tuohey, Esq.

Members Absent :

1. Robert Spiotti, Esq.
2. Kelly Pascrell
3. Jeffrey Buonforte
4. George Silva

A roll call brought the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Dykes and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Szepietowski to approve the minutes of the July, 25 2016 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously, with Freeholder Bartlett abstaining.

Secretary-Treasurer Jordan discussed the progress of the WPA poster design. Four are finished, with work ongoing for the other five. The goal is to unveil posters at major events in the Park System, as appropriate.

Secretary-Treasurer Jordan discussed the golf outing now scheduled for October 17th at 9:00 AM at the Preakness Valley Golf Course in Wayne. Lunch will be immediately after at the Dey Mansion. A flyer was included. Lakeland Bank has agreed to be the corporate sponsor of the event.

Trustee Dykes gave a wrap-up of the Passaic County Fair. The event was a great success, with more people, vendors, and activities. All feedback thus far has been positive.

Chairwoman Tuohey discussed the memorial bench and tree program, and the hopes to grow its use in the future. The idea of transitioning to an "adopt a bench" program was raised, as is done at Central Park in New York City.

Secretary-Treasurer Jordan gave a financial report of the Fair. Sponsorships were doubled from last year and expenses were as projected from last year's Fair. Overall, the Fair was a great success financially.

Secretary-Treasurer Jordan provided the Raffle Report that was given to the Legalized Games of Chance Commission following the 50/50's held at the Fair. Said 50/50's grossed almost \$1,000 in revenue.

A motion was made by Trustee Dykes and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Szepietowski to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Trustees and the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Motion passed unanimously, with Freeholder Bartlett abstaining.

A motion was made by Trustee Dykes and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Szepietowski to amend the Board's by-laws to add the Director of Cultural and Historic Affairs an ex-officio member.

Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer Jordan informed the Board about a \$20,000 grant received from the Horizon Foundation for the installation of a disc golf course at Rifle Camp Park. A grant agreement is forthcoming, and when received, will be presented to the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Dykes and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Szepietowski to execute the golf agreement with Preakness Valley Golf Course for the October 17th golf outing.

Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer informed the Board of the September 9th press conference at Weasel Brook Park to kick-off the phase one improvement project, and the grant received from the Horizon Foundation for the fitness equipment that was installed earlier in the year.

Trustee Roca brought up the idea of doing a contest to design a logo for the foundation with high school students. The Board will look further into this idea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Secretary-Treasurer Jordan and seconded by Freeholder Bartlett to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.