

AGENDA – PARKS BOARD

City of Trenton, Ohio

January 12, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Regular Parks Board Meeting

Meeting Place: Via Zoom and Facebook Live

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the November 10th, 2020 Parks Board Meeting. *(The December meeting was cancelled.)*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
 - a. *Per The City of Trenton Charter, Article VI, Boards and Commissions, Section 6.04 Organization which states: “ At the first meeting in each year, each board, commission, agency or authority of the City of Trenton, created by this Charter or by ordinance of Council, shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its membership.”*

REPORTS BY THE BOARD OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 9th, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom and Facebook Live

ADJOURNMENT

**Agenda is subject to change.*

MINUTES – PARKS BOARD

City of Trenton, Ohio

November 10, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Regular Parks Board Meeting

Meeting Place: Civic Hall - 11 East State Street
& Via Facebook Live

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chairman Ryan Perry.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mr. Perry, Ms. Hale, Mr. Hill and Ms. Haas (via phone).

Motion to Excuse: Ms. Cooney, Ms. McIntosh and Ms. Fry was made by Mr. Hill seconded by Ms. Hale.

All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve or amend the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Parks Board Meeting as submitted were approved by Ms. Hale and seconded by Mr. Perry. All were in favor. (There was no October Meeting as the group did not have a quorum.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion to confirm the 2021 Fall Festival date.
Ms. Hale confirmed that both bands and Rozzi's have them tentatively scheduled for the October 2, 2021 date at this time.
A motion to confirm the October 2nd, 2021 date as the Fall Festival date was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Ms. Haas. All were in favor.
2. Discussion of Potential Murals in the City.
Mr. Perry led the discussion regarding murals. He stated that the idea of the original mural might be too much for us as our first mural. Something smaller might be in order. He asked if we should do it as a Parks Board as the city or have a citizens group do it or involve the businesses. Ms. Hale commented that she appreciated the information that was presented from the Fitten Group on the murals. She mentioned the cost was obviously very substantial. She mentioned that we have young people within the community that are very interested and maybe we can combine with the art's program through school somehow. She mentioned that maybe the next step might be to get a pulse on a community group that is specifically interested in the arts. She asked if we might be able to explore this before we come to a final decision. Maybe a community group might be interested in spear heading this with the Arts Central Foundation or possibly seeking a grant through the Middletown Community Foundation. Mr. Perry

commented that he thought it might take a city organization to get it started and then transfer it to another group to keep it going. Mr. Hill agreed with the group and stated he thought we needed to find out from others what kind of resources they would want to invest in this before they go any further. Maybe there are businesses that want to invest in this. Ms. Haas stated we should approach the art teachers. She stated she thought the cost was a little excessive for us. Ms. Hale stated that other communities had committees that looked at the submittals and made approvals other than just the Parks Board. Mr. Hill agreed that we should start small and grow it bigger. Mr. Perry suggested that at the next meeting, we could solicit people on Facebook to become part of the effort to move forward. Mr. Hill suggested a Facebook survey much like the Movies in the Park. Mr. Perry agreed with him. Ms. Hale stated there is opportunity here for collaboration with the school and the art program or the Community Foundation. Mr. Perry stated he would talk to businesses about this as he was going around discussing Covid relief funds that might be available to them. Ms. Hale stated that it doesn't have to be just about the murals. Are there other initiatives that our business owners feel would be conducive to attracting visitors to Trenton. She said Trenton has the Donut Trail that Martin's Donuts is involved in. Find out what's meaningful to our residents. Mr. Leichman stated that the city had in the past, utilized banners in the downtown area and sold ad board spaces hanging below them to showcase the local businesses. He stated he had seen where other communities honored their local veterans on these types of banners and thought this was a good idea. Mr. Perry asked if it was permissible to hang banners on Duke power poles. Mr. Leichman stated unfortunately it was not. He stated we may have to look into placing them on city owned poles. Mr. Leichman stated that Councilwoman Harris had sent in a comment via Facebook and asked if it would be possible to look into grant funding for these types of projects. Mr. Perry stated as we can. We could do it through Jim Foster, our Economic Development Director. Ms. Hale said that the Middletown Community Foundation might be able to help as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

REPORTS BY THE BOARD OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS:

Mr. Leichman reported that since we haven't seen each other for two months, he wanted to state that he thought the Fall Fireworks were a huge success. He had received a lot of positive feedback from the community and they wanted to continue this in future years. There were approximately 350 cars that entered the park. He thought Rozzi's did an excellent job with the fireworks. He appreciated our Police, Fire, EMS, Trenton Public Works and Madison's Grass Truck for being there. There were no issues. Job well done by all. Mr. Perry commented on the parking arrangement as it seemed to go very smoothly when they were exciting.

Mr. Perry asked what the group thought about returning to Zoom meetings due to the rising Covid numbers and the overall health of our group. Ms. Hale asked if we could try it in December and January for now. She would be in favor of this if it would help with our attendance. Mr. Hill agreed if it helped the group. Some discussion was had on the 6:00 meeting time. Ms. Haas liked the 6:00 start time and liked going back to Zoom but was flexible to the needs of the group. For now, the group is okay with keeping the meetings at 6:00 PM.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

December 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made to adjourn was made by Ms. Haas, seconded by Ms. Hale. All were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

***Please be advised that these minutes have not been reviewed, amended or approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and will be done so at their next regular scheduled meeting on December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live.**