

# **AGENDA – 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

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the September 8th, 2020 Parks Board Meeting. The October meeting was cancelled.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Discussion to confirm the 2021 Fall Festival date.
2. Discussion of potential Murals in the City.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. None

### **REPORTS BY THE BOARD OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

December 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*\*Agenda is subject to change.*

# MINUTES – PARKS BOARD

City of Trenton, Ohio

September 8, 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 6:00 PM by Chairman Ryan Perry.

## ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mr. Perry, Ms. Hale, Ms. Haas and Ms. McIntosh.

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

All were in favor.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve or amend the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Parks Board Meeting as submitted were approved by Ms. Hale and seconded by Ms. Haas. All were in favor.

Motion passes.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion to establish the 2021 Fall Festival date.

Fireworks that are scheduled for this year, October 3, 2020 were originally scheduled for 10:00 PM due to the bands. Now that the bands have been cancelled due to COVID 19, it was decided by the board to move them up to 9:00 PM. Mr. Perry suggested we utilize an FM transmitter to broadcast the soundtrack over car radios with the fireworks this year. Mr. Leichman stated that the city had purchased an FM transmitter and we are currently working on getting it fine-tuned. Ms. McIntosh stated that she would set up a meeting with Rozzi's in the near future to finalize the 2020 details. Ms. McIntosh stated she attempted to find out the 2021 Octoberfest date however, none had been set at this time. She states that the October 2, 2021 date is in between the Cincinnati and Dayton Octoberfest. **She suggests we set Octoberfest up for Saturday October 2, 2021.** She has checked with Rozzi's, the two bands and the production crew and they all have Trenton penciled in for those dates. We will have all the same groups for the event if we go with that date. Mr. Perry asks if all are satisfied with that date. Ms. McIntosh states that once the date is finalized she will get contracts signed for the event. Rob Leichman thanked Ms. McIntosh for her work on this. **Mr. Perry stated that we would have an official vote for this date at our next regularly scheduled meeting.** No further discussion.

## 2. Discussion on the possibility of Murals in the City.

Mr. Perry started the conversation by stating that he was in fact-finding mode for the possibility of murals in the city and had contacted our City Attorney, Nick Ziepfel provided a contact. Ian McKenzie-Thurley, Executive Director of Fitton Center for Creative Arts in Hamilton, Ohio spoke to Parks Board regarding murals. Along with city of Hamilton and Hamilton Community Foundation, we have managed the Street Spark Mural program for the last 5 years. We have just finished putting paint on our 14th mural that will be completed this summer. There is a director that runs this program.

- Murals last approximately 8 – 10 years. It depends on location and amount of weather on mural surface. Shape and size of the building and where it sits and how the surface has been prepared for the painting.
- Finding the best paint is key. Dedication to quality.
- Hamilton uses a blind selection committee to choose an art piece. Members of the selection committee can only serve for two years before selecting new committee members who will bring another viewpoint to the selection of an art piece.
- The history of the building, the surrounding area and details of the community are also factors considered in art piece selection.
- We have partnered with Hamilton Rotary Club and Miami University. There is no mention of the partner/sponsor of the mural in the mural itself.
- No political messages or nudity are placed in the mural itself. The Selection Committee works within mural painting rules/parameters along with the Architectural Design Review Board and Fitton Center.
- A paid apprentice is assigned to each mural. All mural artists are paid.
- Cost – scaffolding, bucket trucks, beams, paint and paid artists can cost from \$15 - \$100K depending on size of mural. Finding a partner or a foundation to share costs is key.
- Graffiti has not been a problem on any of the murals in Hamilton.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. None

### **REPORTS BY THE BOARD OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS:**

Mr. Leichman reported that there was going to be a Movie in the Park this Saturday at dusk. The movie will be “Onward”. It will be a Drive-In style movie like the past three movies have been.

Ms. McIntosh asked what prompted the mural discussions. Mr. Perry stated that Councilwoman Harris’s daughter had originally started the discussion about murals in various cities and why we didn’t have any here in Trenton. Mr. Perry stated it went from there to the Edgewood Schools art department then to city council and was referred back to the Parks Board for discussion.

Ms. Haas asked if anyone had thought about approaching city businesses to have their store front glass painted with these murals. Mr. Perry stated no he had not but he liked the idea.

Mr. Perry suggested the possibility of constructing a wall somewhere for the specific purpose of allowing a place for the graffiti artists to place their art. The city could monitor this wall from time to time.

Ms. McIntosh suggested allowing the seniors to paint their parking spaces. She had seen this work in other communities.

Mr. Perry will check with Code Enforcement in regards to the suggestion of painting windows inside of businesses with murals for safety reasons.

Mr. Green read the on-line Facebook comments to the group.

Mr. Perry re-affirmed everyone that this was still a fact-finding mission and he had no idea what murals cost. He stated for folks to contact him with questions if needed as this is still developing.

Mr. Perry stated on 9-27-20 there will be a picnic table painting group at Community Park starting at 6:00 PM.

On 10-3-2020 there will be fireworks that commemorate the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Residents are asked to remain in their cars during the fireworks and observe social distance.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

October 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM

**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 6:55 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 November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live.**