

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
December 13, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The meeting of the Park Planning Commission was held in the Gourgaud Gallery in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on December 13, 2011, at 8:45 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Weidner called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. Wendy W. Borg acted as Secretary.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 2, 2010, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Christine Parker, Kathy Wasson, Pat Scott, Beth Veghte, Tom Weidner, Bill Schraudenbach and Joan Smith. Norma Swale was absent.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Tom Weidner; seconded by Bill Schraudenbach. Tom Weidner, Bill Schraudenbach and Beth Veghte abstained. All others were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Guidelines for Memorials and Gifts – Chairman asked that members bring a list of memorials and gifts for their respective parks to January meeting.

Parks Inventory –

Heritage Park – Mrs. Wasson and Mrs. Swale – Will complete before next meeting.
Millstone Park – Mrs. Veghte will email Secretary with update.

Chairman asked members to compile information for their respective parks for the February meeting in preparation for the new township website launch:

- 1) description of park
- 2) where
- 3) amenities
- 4) access/directions
- 5) parking (if any)
- 6) permitted uses
- 7) hours (dawn to dusk for all parks)

Commissioners discussed if maps should be included. Mr. Weidner suggested the Open Space/Recreation plan be considered.

Open space descriptions will be discussed with the township Environmental Commission – Unami Woods, Reinhardt, Millstone, Hagerty, Fisher and West properties. Mrs. Veghte suggested a list of the open spaces be placed on the Parks page with a link to

the EC page. Mr. Schraudenbach expressed concern over which commission will keep watch over the open spaces in the future.

Statuary – Mr. Weidner contacted two Township Committee members who did not support placement of the statuary along the lake in Village Park. One did not think another visit would change things and the other did not respond. The conclusion was that further pursuit of this to change the Committee’s opinion would not be fruitful.

Mr. Schraudenbach expressed frustration with the outcome of the proposed project, and suggested that the Township Committee be queried as to whether they would be interested in art in the parks at all. Mr. Weidner said the Arts Council presence is needed. Mrs. Smith will contact Amy Amico of the Arts Council as to their desire on their role. Mrs. Veghte will investigate art at the Cambridge and Chapin Schools and how it was funded.

Turnpike Trees – The Commissioners reviewed Jerry Thorne’s report on trees in township right-of-way.

Memorial Book – The album is now housed at the township. Giftees can use the following format for page insertions:

- 1) Name
- 2) Years/Dates in Cranbury
- 3) Date of Birth
- 4) Date of Death
- 5) Date of Gift
- 6) What was gifted (bench, tree, etc.)
- 7) When the gift was given

May also include: Family history, family members, occupation, Cranbury address, reason for memorial

Secretary will place this format in the book’s front cover, and will create a letter for existing giftees as an invitation to complete a page for the book.

A list of donors for Judy Dossin’s fund will also be included.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation – Mrs. Veghte reported that a Kettle bell class would begin in the New Year. Also wrestling for middle school students will be offered the end of 2012. The basketball Hoops program has started in the school on Friday nights and Saturdays. The Trophy fund has awarded the Recreation Commission monies to replace the basketball nets and posts in Village Park. The Village Parks courts need to be fixed.

There will be no ice rink in Village Park this year due to freezing problems in past years. Recreation will need Parks input as to their suggestions of future placement at a level ground with an asphalt surface.

Brainerd Lake Edge – To be discussed with Environmental Commission.

West Property – Mr. Weidner will contact Jerry Thorne on several items including water on trails, ivy and the roads.

Joint Meeting with Environmental Commission- Mr. Weidner will contact EC Chairman Jim Gallagher about a joint meeting on February 27.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Scott asked about the concrete beach at Memorial Park, which is covered in silt.

The Township Committee approved the placing of a Menorah in Memorial Park for the holiday season.

Photographs were taken of each member for the new township website.

MEETING

The next meeting of the Park Planning Commission will be held on January 11, 2012, at 8:45 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Motion by Mrs. Scott; seconded by Mrs. Parker; all in favor.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the acting recording Secretary of the Township of Cranbury Park Planning Commission and that this document, consisting of three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on December 13, 2011.

Secretary
Wendy W. Borg