

Great Oak Park Committee
Meeting Minutes February 23, 2016
Danny D'Elia Building 24 Lawlor Drive Oakland, NJ 07436

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Guadagnino at 8:00 pm.

The following Committee members were present: Mike Guadagnino, Lee Haymon
Nancy Larkin, Tim Contrini and Council Liaison Chris Visconti.

Meeting Announcement:

Chairman Guadagnino: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law duly announced and posted in the municipal building.

A motion to excuse S. Saliani from the meeting was made by L. Haymon and seconded by N. Larkin, all yeas.

Open to the Public:

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by L. Haymon and seconded by N. Larkin, all yeas.

No public wished to speak.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by L. Haymon and seconded by N. Larkin, all yeas.

Approval of Minutes: January 2016

A motion to approve the minutes from November was made by N. Larkin and seconded by L. Haymon, all yeas.

Park Clean-up discussion – Nancy Krause, Environmental Commission:

Nancy Krause of the Oakland Environmental Commission was in attendance to discuss the upcoming Great Oak Park clean-up. Chairman Guadagnino stated that since we have had several clean-ups in the past, there is not that much clean-up to do. The idea came up to have the Great Oak Park clean-up in conjunction with the clean-ups held at the other town parks. After some discussion it was decided to combine all the clean-ups of the town parks to be held on Saturday April 23rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Rain date to be Sunday April 24th. Nancy will be the contact person for sign-ups and coordination. Chairman Guadagnino will advertise on social media. As in the past the Public Events Committee will provide morning refreshments at Valley Middle School and lunch at Great Oak Park. "The Great Clean-Up of Oakland's Great Parks" was decided as the name for this event.

Work Session:

Park Closed:

Chairman Guadagnino stated that he still has people asking him why the park is closed in the winter. Public safety is the reason. With the ground being soft from snow and rain if an emergency happened in the park that required extraction an emergency vehicle may get stuck trying to manoeuver.

Golf Course:

Chairman Guadagnino reported that The Rising Phoenix Martial Arts School is ready to get started with the golf course restoration as soon as the weather breaks. The waivers are signed and the insurance details are taken care of.

Fundraising:

Chairman Guadagnino reported that the person wanting to sell park tee shirts at Shoprite is just waiting for the weather to warm up.

Scout Project:

Chairman Guadagnino reported that he has spoken to the scoutmaster in regards to the latest proposed scout project at the park. The paperwork is in process and once that is complete the scout will be ready to present his project to the Borough Council for approval.

Old Business:

Three New Benches:

Chairman Guadagnino reported that he walked the park with our DPW and selected the locations for the three donated benches to be installed. The locations are as follows; one by the parking lot, one by the first bend in the trail and the last at the end of Scout Lane.

New Business:

No new business to discuss.

Liaison Report:

Councilman Visconti reported that Boswell must conduct a new survey of the park and the state now requires current aerial photos of the park to be included with the LOI. Boswell plans on doing these sometime in March.

Open to the Public:

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by N. Larkin and seconded by L. Haymon, all yeas.

No public wished to speak.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by N. Larkin and seconded by L. Haymon, all yeas.

Schedule March Meeting:

Chairman Guadagnino suggested March 21, 2016 at 8:00 pm at the Danny D'Elia Building for the next meeting, all were in agreement. He also stated that he would inform Borough Clerk Lisa Duncan.

Adjournment:

At 8:27 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by L. Haymon and seconded by N. Larkin, all yeas.

Tim Contrini
Secretary

