

## NOTICE

### MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mercer County Park Commission will hold their **OCTOBER 2021 PUBLIC MEETING** on **Wednesday, October 27, 2021; to begin at 5:30 pm via Zoom Webinar**. To encourage full public participation of the public meeting, please use the meeting access information below. (The meeting link and meeting information may also be accessed on our website at [www.mercercountyparks.org](http://www.mercercountyparks.org)).

- **When:** Oct 27, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
- **Topic:** October 27, 2021 Mercer County Park Commission Public Meeting Zoom Webinar
- Please click the link below to join the webinar:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88605081396?pwd=T3J4ZHhEWVlY1RyZWZWRpRFNpT3B5UT09>
- **Passcode:** 879996
- **Webinar ID:** 886 0508 1396
- **Telephone:** US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 436 2866 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833

---

### AGENDA

➤ **CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Davis called the October 27, 2021 meeting of the Mercer County Park Commission to order at 5:31 pm, via Zoom Webinar platform.

➤ **ROLL CALL:**

**The following Commissioners answered the Roll Call of the Secretary:**

- Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith.

**The following Commissioners were absent:** Caton.

**Commissioner Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag.**

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUNSHINE LAW (OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975), ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THAT NOTIFICATION WAS GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: EMAILED TO THE TIMES, TRENTONIAN, POSTED TO THE MERCER COUNTY WEBSITE AND MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION WEBSITE; AND SENT VIA EMAIL BLAST THROUGH THE COUNTY OF MERCER AND MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.

LOCAL OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE- COVID-19 [N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(B)] AUTHORIZES LOCAL UNITS TO CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS THROUGH USE OF STREAMING SERVICES AND OTHER ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 PARK COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING**

- On Motion by Commissioner Davis; seconded by Commissioner Gardner, by voice vote, the September 29, 2021 Mercer County Park Commission Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

➤ **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2021 MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION BILLS:**

- On Motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Mooij; by voice vote, the October 2021 Mercer County Park Commission Bills were approved for payment as presented.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

➤ **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2021 PARK COMMISSION REVENUE REPORTS :**

*Executive Director Aaron T. Watson provided a synopsis of the September 2021 Park Commission Revenue Reports*

- On Motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Mooij, by voice vote, the September 2021 Mercer County Park Commission Revenue Reports were approved as presented.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

➤ **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

*(Presented by Executive Director, Aaron T. Watson; Nominated by Superintendent of Parks, Rob Doherty)*

- Our employee of the month for October is Mr. Tim Franks, Foreman. Mr. Franks is being recognized this month for outstanding work performed within Mercer Meadows related to storm clean-up and restoration of storm damaged trails.

➤ **COMMUNICATIONS-** *(Presented by Executive Director, Aaron T. Watson)*

**C-1:**

**TRENTON RESIDENTS PICK THEIR OWN FREE PRODUCE AT HARVEST FESTIVAL-**The City of Trenton's first urban farm hosted a Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 9. Participants enjoyed artist showings, pumpkin painting, flower-picking, and food prepared fresh with produce grown on the farm.

**C-2:**

MERCER COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE 2021 RETURN ON ENVIRONMENT REPORT (MC PLANNING DEPARTMENT)

➤ **OLD BUSINESS** (Presented by Deputy Director, Joe Pizza)

– **Golf:**

- Golf staff continue to do a great job. Revenue is at record levels. The courses and course maintenance staff are very busy.
- Additionally, staff and Management and staff have been working diligently to continue to transport equipment to maintain courses whose equipment was lost or damaged in the Tropical Storm weather event.

**Moore Station Quarry Master Plan Public Presentation**

Contracted Consulting Firm, Simone Collins gave a presentation of the Moore Station Quarry Master Plan

**Moore Station Quarry Master Plan Public Comment**

**The following Members of the Public Addressed the Commission:**

- Kathy Browne (Township of Hopewell)
- Lucylle Walter (Mercer County Commissioner)
- Nora Shuda (Township of Ewing)
- *“The Mercer County Park Commission welcomes the public’s participation and comments. If you wish to participate in the public comment section of our meeting you may do so via the Zoom messaging/chat feature or by the, “hand-raising” feature, where you will be prompted to speak to provide your public comment.*
- *The rules and guidelines for public comment may be found on the Commission’s website. Please be aware that individuals are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes during their comment. However, the Commission may, at its option, extend time for certain individuals during the public comment period.*
- *Each member of the public who wishes to speak during the public comment period shall give the speaker’s full name, organization name (if applicable) and municipality of residence.*
- *Individuals may provide comments, or materials, by regular mail to the Mercer County Park Commission headquarters or via email to Hmauro@mercercounty.org.”*

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- R-1. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION APPROVES THE MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOORES STATION QUARRY PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER
- On Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Forrester.
  - **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

R-2. AMEND RESOLUTION PC 2019-53, ADOPTED MAY 29, 2019 AND THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 3) TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR CURATORIAL AND DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS FOR HOWELL LIVING HISTORY FARM. 'AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE DETERMINED FY-2021-22 FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$25,046.00 FOR YEAR THREE (3) OF A THREE (3) YEAR GRANT CYCLE. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022'. ORIGINAL THREE (3) YEAR GRANT PERIOD REMAINS THE SAME

- On Motion by Commissioner Forrester, seconded by Commissioner Gardner.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

R-3. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FIRST TEE OF GREATER TRENTON TO ESTABLISH THE ROLES OF A PARTNERSHIP TO OFFER JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAMMING AT THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB, MERCER OAKS GOLF COURSE AND THE PRINCETON COUNTRY CLUB FACILITIES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. PARK COMMISSION COST \$0.00

*Commissioner Schulz asked if the Administration will include Hopewell Valley Golf Club in the Agreement.*

*Executive Director Watson replied that programming at the facility will be evaluated upon its opening to the public.*

- On Motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Martinez.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

R-4. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT WITH LIVE GOLF ENTERPRISE TO ESTABLISH THE ROLES OF A PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE GOLF EXPOSURE AND REDUCED RANGE AND COURSE FEES TO LIVE GOLF ENTERPRISE INTRODUCTORY CLINICS AT THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB, MERCER OAKS GOLF COURSE AND PRINCETON COUNTRY CLUB FACILITIES. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022. PARK COMMISSION COST \$0.00

- On Motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Martinez.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

R-5. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A MARKETING AGREEMENT WITH THE CURE INSURANCE ARENA. PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

- On Motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Martinez.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

- R-6. RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. PC 2021-97, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 29, 2021, FOR THE AWARD OF A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT TO MERCER OAKS MARINA AND CATERING FOR CONCESSIONAIRE CATERING SERVICES FOR THE MERCER OAKS GOLF BANQUET FACILITY. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024; WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR EITHER A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD OR TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS (NO PARK COMMISSION FUNDS). ‘RESCIND RESOLUTION DUE TO AN UNINTENTIONAL ERROR REGARDING THE METHODOLOGY AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS THAT WERE RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021’ (CC-2021-11)

*Commissioner Davis asked for additional detail regarding this item.*

*Executive Director Watson replied that due to a conflict in the evaluation process, this item will need to be re-advertised for competitive proposals.*

*Commissioner Davis asked if this item would be re-bid.*

*Executive Director Watson replied that yes, the item would be re-bid.*

- On Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Martinez.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

- R-7. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION [501(C)3] FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EVALUATION WORK GROUP SERVICES PERFORMED BY TULPEHAKING NATURE CENTER STAFF; IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR WATERSHED EDUCATION. NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION AMOUNT: \$1,750.00 (NWF ID NO. 2108-065)

- On Motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Mooij.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

- R-8. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, TO MONITOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ONE (1) GAUGING STATION ON THE ASSUNPINK CREEK NEAR CLARKSVILLE, NEW JERSEY. PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. TOTAL AMOUNT: \$16,900.00. PARK COMMISSION AMOUNT: \$11,425.00; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AMOUNT: \$5,475.00 (AGREEMENT NO. 0022LJJFA24)

*Executive Director Watson requested an Amendment for Consideration of the Board for, ‘Clarksville, New Jersey’ to be Amended to indicate, ‘Clarksville Gauge.’*

- On Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, Agenda item R-8 was approved, as Amended.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

- R-9. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR ENTERTAINMENT PROCUREMENT SERVICES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
- Counsel requested the removal of item R-9 from the Agenda.*
- On Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Schulz.
  - **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.
- R-10. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HABITHÈQUE, INC. (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PHASE II DESIGN OF PERMANENT EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS FOR THE TULPEHAKING NATURE CENTER, TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$250,000.00. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022
- On Motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Schulz.
  - **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.
- R-11. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING AND LAND PLANNING (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PERMITTING SERVICES FOR PHASE I IRRIGATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE HOPEWELL VALLEY GOLF CLUB, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$75,050.00. PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022
- On Motion by Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Martinez.
  - **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.
- R-12. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE PARTIAL AWARD OF BID TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THE BID AND RE-BID OF CLOTHING AND GOLF MERCHANDISE FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION. PERIOD: DECEMBER 6, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2022. ALL OTHER TERMS REMAIN THE SAME (AB2019-45) (AB2019-45B)
- On Motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Davis.
  - **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.
- R-13. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER (NO. 1) WITH SHORE TOP CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR BASKETBALL COURT RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION. INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY: +\$28,658.00 (+5.8%). REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$523,029.00 (AB2021-28)

*Commissioner Gardner asked if the Courts have been closed due to COVID -19*

*Executive Director Watson replied that initially the courts were closed due to the Governor's Executive Order and the Park Commission utilized the closure to prepare for court upgrades. Executive Director Watson further stated that once upgrades have been completed, courts will open for play.*

- On Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gardner.
- **Ayes:** Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, Schulz and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

R-14. MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CHEZ ALICE, INC./DBA HARVEST HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC, FOR CONCESSIONAIRE CATERING SERVICES FOR THE STRAWBERRY HILL MANSION FACILITY AT BALDPATE MOUNTAIN. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024; WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR EITHER A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD, OR TWO (2), ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS. (NO PARK COMMISSION FUNDS) (CC-2021-12)

- On Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gardner.
- **Ayes:** Caton, Davis, Forrester, Gardner, Martinez, Mooij, and Smith. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Caton.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Executive Director, Aaron T. Watson*

*Executive Director Watson informed the Commission that due to this month's presentation this month's report was provided electronically in the meeting materials.*

### ➤ **GENERAL PUBLIC SESSION:**

#### **The following Members of the Public Addressed the Commission:**

- Nora Schuda (Ewing Township)
- Kathy Browne (Hopewell Township)
- The Mercer County Park Commission welcomes the public's participation and comments. If you wish to participate in the public comment section of our meeting you may do so via the Zoom messaging/chat feature or by the, "hand-raising" feature, where you will be prompted to speak to provide your public comment.
- The rules and guidelines for public comment may be found on the Commission's website. Please be aware that individuals are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes during their comment. However, the Commission may, at its option, extend time for certain individuals during the public comment period.
- Each member of the public who wishes to speak during the public comment period shall give the speaker's full name, organization name (if applicable) and Municipality of Residence.
- Individuals may provide comments, or materials, by regular mail to the Mercer County Park Commission headquarters or via email to [Hmauro@mercercounty.org](mailto:Hmauro@mercercounty.org).

➤ **NOVEMBER 17, 2021 PARK COMMISSION MEETING:**

- Via Zoom Webinar Link; to take place at 5:30 pm.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

- On motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Davis, Adjournment took place at 6:50pm.

Heather Mauro

Executive Secretary  
Secretary to the Mercer County Park Commission