

VILLAGE OF BAINBRIDGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2020
AT 5:30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL GALLERY
BY CONFERENCE CALL

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wade called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Wade, Deputy Mayor Campbell, Trustee Eisenberg, Trustee Mayes, Trustee Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Caratelli, Clerk/Treasurer Parsons

PRESENT BY
CONFERENCE
CALL

Ariana Hall, Karen Bruning, Paul Davis, Roger Barnhart, Jodi Saunders, Roland Teriberry, Patterson & Nicole Burns Shaver, Michael Sullivan, Susan Whitter

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Wade stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the resubmission of the Village Green Park Permit application by Ariana Hall for a Black Lives Matter peaceful protest/speak-out on Saturday, August 15, 2020 from noon until 5:00 PM.

Ariana Hall stated that she was resubmitting the permit to use the park on August 15, 2020 from noon to 5:00. She submitted a safety plan to Chenango County Health Department who in turn told her that they neither approve or disapprove safety plans. She said that she feels the park is the safest place for everyone.

Mayor Wade asked if anyone on the conference call would like to speak. There were no other public comments.

Mayor Wade asked for any comments or questions from the Board considering this permit.

Trustee Taylor thanked Ariana Hall for the safety plan and said she did a good job on the plan details. He also asked about the sign-in log. Ariana said a log will be available for people to sign in but said that she cannot force them to do so.

Trustee Mayes stated that there are no public restrooms at the park and wanted to make them aware of this.

Mayor Wade reminded Ariana of Section 88 of the Village Code which holds the permit holder responsible for any damage to the park.

Mayor Wade said that the New York State Governor's Executive Order 202.45 limits gatherings to 50 people and by Executive Order 202-53 is in effect until August 20, 2020. Ariana said she was aware of the 50-person limit.

Ariana said that they will photograph the park when they arrive and before they leave the park. She asked if they would be responsible for any damages made by people who are not affiliated with her group.

Mayor Wade said it may be difficult to differentiate who is affiliated with her group and who is not. He asked if people in her group could wearing a ribbon or something that identifies them as people in her group. She said they could do that.

Trustee Taylor moved to approve Use of Building and Grounds permit for the Village Green Park as presented by Ms. Ariana Hall, second by Trustee Eisenberg.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Mayes, Taylor, Wade
Noes – None

Carried.

Mayor Wade asked if the Board would want to restrict gatherings in the park for the rest of the year.

Trustee Eisenberg felt that we should take it case by case.

Trustee Taylor said that any group that wants to use the park and wants to go through the steps should be able to use the park. He said that his concern with this and any application is Covid-19 and keeping everyone safe.

Trustee Taylor said that the Health Department is not doing a lot to help us so we must be proactive about supplying everyone with information about what they need to use the park during this time.

Trustee Taylor asked about the water outage today and said that it would be nice to use other means than Facebook. Mayor Wade said he would contact Matt Beckwith as they can do a mass call.

Deputy Mayor Campbell brought up the fact that the contractor working on Route 206 is leaving a mess throughout the Village. Mayor Wade said that we can have a meeting with the contractor to take care of this issue.

ADJOURNMENT: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adjourn at 6:24 pm, second by Trustee Mayes

Mayor Wade adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM

Brenda L. Parsons
Clerk/Treasurer