

JEL Chess Park Committee Minutes January 2025

Thursday January 23, 2025 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm -JEL Pioppi Room

Attendees: Janet Jenkins, Michael Brunelle, Ben Marinelli, Bernadette Meade, Larry Morrison, Margaret Morrissey

1. Welcome to Larry Morrison – new committee member
2. November Minutes were not available – Bernadette will script and email to members
3. Updates
 - a. Non-profit status
 - i. FOJEL 501c –
 1. still pending – Bernadette will reach out to CPA who completed
 - b. Joe Coen Update
 - i. Mr. Coen's company JCLA was recently acquired by TEC engineering. He will stay with company. Logo on plans will reflect this change otherwise no other changes
 - ii. Plans for bid will be ready by the spring
 - iii. Bernadette will reach out to Mr. Coen to get more information of the TEC company. Will also ask if change in company will mean changes in the previous budge.
4. Budget Development
5. Fund Raising
 - a. Donations
 - i. Acceptance process was reviewed with no changes
 - ii. Thank you, procedure
 1. Bernadette will contact JEL Board of Trustees legal council about wording concerning municipal EIN statement
 2. Thank you to Larry for volunteering to compose a thank you note
 - a. Need to send him PowerPoint presentations and mission statement
 - b. Launch of Fund Raising
 1. Ben and Joe will create in person presentation as well mailing presentation
 2. Good discussion by Larry about
 - a. the different phases of fund raising, i.e. phase 1 = silent phase
 - b. need to compose the tough questions that will be asked, i.e. why is the town not paying for the project
 - i. Bernadette will email committee members to collect these question

3. Are there opportunities to get endorsement by national/ state chess clubs – Bernadette will research

6. PR

- a. Chess presence at JEL
 - i. THANK YOU, Ben, for resuming the JEL chess club. He has a roster of people who are helping
 - ii. Move forward with hosting chess tournament in spring for high school/ adult participants
- b. Other suggestions
 - i. Have southbridge community TV do a documentary piece in the springtime

7. Next Meeting

- a. THURSDAY FEB 27, 2025 – 5:30pm
- b. Every fourth Thursday except Nov/ Dec