

The September 22, 2015 meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Meeting Room located at 530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike; Mayor Cathy Winterfield presiding.

Township Clerk Carol Marsh read the following statement for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

*"In accordance with the requirements of New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Meeting Notice which was filed in the Office of the Township Clerk; posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building; published as legal notice in the Suburban Trends newspaper; and distributed to all persons requesting notice in accordance with Township policy."*

Mayor Winterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor Cathy Winterfield  
 Deputy Mayor David Kohle  
 Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch  
 Councilman Richard Phelan  
 Councilman Jay Vanderhoff

Absent: None

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager  
 Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney  
 Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 56 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

- Tasha Rifkin and Stephen Connolly presented a proposal for a Pequannock Township skateboard park.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PRESENTATION.**

- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Chair, reported the Committee unanimously supported looking further into the proposal.
- Rob Cascone, 9 4<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed concern about the skateboard park, questioned the number of skaters who use other parks in the area and how much benefit there would be in comparison to the cost, and noted there are other things that need attention.
- Stephen Indoe, First Aid Squad Vice President, stated the First Aid Squad is not opposed to a Skateboard park and expressed concern about adding to the existing congestion and noise near the First Aid Squad building.
- Aaron Mayer, Township resident, expressed support for the skateboard park and stated the obstacles which are to be donated are well known in the skateboard community and will generate enthusiasm for the park.
- Kal, lifelong Pequannock Township resident, reported being kicked out of different spots while skateboarding, and expressed the opinion that a well-built skate park would provide a safe place for skaters and would be appreciated by their friends and family as well.
- Kara Giliam stated she doesn't skate but would like to, and would like a place where there are people to help, and where they can skate and have fun in a nice safe environment.
- Peggy Keaveney, 520 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, expressed support for a park and also expressed concern about the location, especially the impact of the noise on residents of the 76 units next door.
- Ron Schiano, 2 Winfield Avenue, resident since 1972, expressed skepticism about the lack of use of skateboard parks, stated that skateboarders are driven underground because there is a

lack of facilities, noted that concrete should be relatively maintenance free, and stated that skateboarders are individualists and need to be supported.

- Jordan Galiano, expressed support for a skateboard park and reported on forms of support the Solid Foundation provides to the skateboarding community.
- Dave Swezey, 11 Whipple Road, noted there is an inventory of open space, recognized the challenges involved in finding land and funding, stated the need for a plan, and offered to help facilitate making a good decision about a skateboard park.
- Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street, questioned if the park would be open to inline skaters and BMX bike people.
- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, reported the space behind the municipal building was removed from the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) to allow for possible enlargement of the First Aid Squad building without requiring extensive permitting, stated the group should provide estimates of the cost, and questioned how many people would use a skate park.
- Greg Lisowski, 155 Lincoln Park Road, commended Tasha and Stephen on the presentation, noted the amount of effort that has been put into the project already and stated his support for forming a committee to look into it.

#### **REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Committee Chair, reported the Hoedown was a great success. The Open Space Committee distributed information about the new recycling services and reported people are enthusiastic about single stream recycling.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Norma Snowdon, 52 Ramapo Road, reported PV Park was wonderful this year and commended Denise Furfaro and the Parks and Recreation staff on a successful season.
- John Bannon, 212 Greenleaf Court, questioned what the Planning Board report concerning the pipeline would contain. Mr. Phelan responded the Planning Board would not recommend moving forward with an ordinance opposing the pipeline. Mr. Oostdyk reported on his conversation with an attorney involved in the pipeline opposition. Mr. Bannon provided information on various other issues concerning the pipeline.
- Mrs. Florance-Lynch reported the Environmental Commission has reviewed the CAPP document and has identified some concerns. A full report will be provided.
- Rob Cascone, 9 4<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed support for locating a business to run an indoor skateboard park, complimented the Hoedown and expressed disappointment he had been asked to take his dog out of the park for the event.
- Jeanne Hebert, 11 Copley Court, stated the lake was stellar this year and complimented Denise Furfaro, the PV Park staff and the DPW.
- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, complimented the DPW's work on the lake, noted a business would charge for an indoor skateboard facility, stated allowing dogs in Greenview Park would require Council action and reported hearing complaints regarding dogs in Greenview Park.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** There were no public hearings.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.** There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

#### **RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2015-163**, approving the designated special event permit application.

- **R2015-164**, approving issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control *Social Affair Special Permit* for the Deborah Hospital Foundation Greater Pompton Area Chapter.
- **R2015-165**, confirming the designated membership in the Pequannock Township Fire Department.
- **R2015-166**, authorizing the cancellation of grant appropriation reserve balances.
- **R2015-167**, requesting an extension of the award of contract for the Sunset Road Phase V project.
- **R2015-168**, declaring a default on the Boulevard Sidewalk Reconstruction II contract – FDM Construction, LLC.
- **R2015-169**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the September 21, 2015 Bill List.
- **R2015-170**, authorizing the cancellation of grant receivable and appropriation reserve balances.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2015-163 through R2015-170** were adopted by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Vanderhoff, Mayor Winterfield.

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Airport noise. The Council discussed issues concerning airport noise.
- **Ordinance No. 2015-15**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 124 ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE UTILITY" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK (for hearing on October 13, 2015)
- **Ordinance No. 2015-16**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 029 ENTITLED "SALARIES AND PERSONNEL" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK (for hearing on October 13, 2015)

Mr. Phelan excused himself from the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

#### REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Borough of Pompton Lakes resolution "Concerning The Proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map Changes For the Borough of Pompton Lakes".
- Borough of Riverdale notice of introduction, Ordinance No. 13-2015, amending Chapter 186 Entitled "Zoning" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Riverdale and amending the requirements for the keeping of chickens.
- Township of Pequannock Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing Notice: (Route 23, Block 902, Lot 1)
- Township of Pequannock Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing Notice: (Route 23, Block 902, Lot 6)

#### MANAGER'S REPORT.

Township Manager David Hollberg reported the following:

- The pump station for the Village Area Sewer Project was successfully tested today. There are a few outstanding items that need to be corrected in the line along Route 23. Our expectation is that the commercial area along Route 23 will have access to the sewer system during November of this year. Construction along Jackson Avenue will begin over the next week. Sections of Jackson Avenue will be closed during construction.
- Final RFP's have been distributed for the Elevated Water Tank Engineering. The proposals are due to be submitted by October 29, 2015
- Chris Tietjen has started work in the Township Manager's office and will be handling a variety of projects including coordination of the Martin Berry House acquisition.
- Township Staff will attend an in-service training session on Public Agency Customer Service on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Some municipal offices will be closed or have limited service on that day.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS.

**Mr. Kohle:**

- No Report

**Mrs. Florance-Lynch:**

- Requested information on plans for addressing issues with the new flood maps.
- Next Environmental Commission meeting is October 14th.
- Township Engineer Joe Golden will be attending the October 8<sup>th</sup> Flood Committee meeting to discuss the Committee's involvement in the CRS rating.
- Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow at 7:30.

**Mr. Vanderhoff:**

- Shade Tree Commission has received complaints from residents of Ramapo Avenue about deteriorating trees. Several trees have been removed and pruning is in progress.

**Mayor Winterfield:**

- Library Board has discussed architects for the expansion. There will be a special meeting to discuss the project.
- Complimented the Hoedown and suggested an ad-hoc committee be formed to discuss the Hoedown early next year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Court, objected to the Council ending public comment before everyone spoke, expressed support for involving the kids in the process of developing a budget and plan for the development and long term maintenance of a skateboard park, and suggested owners be allowed to bring their dogs to the Hoedown.
- Greg Dabice, 480 Turnpike, expressed support for the skateboard park, and offered his assistance with races other than those he currently coordinates.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.**

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolution R2015-171**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Personnel - Performance Evaluations and Litigation on Tax Appeals and added assessments was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 9:41 p.m. at which time the Township Council met in Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- A schedule for the Managers performance review.
- An update on the various tax appeals and taxation issues.

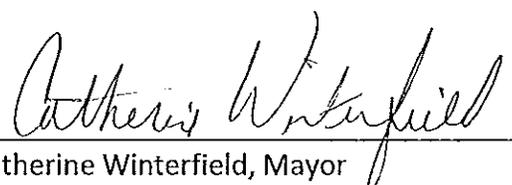
The closed session was completed at 9:49 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened. Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** There were no minutes presented for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

  
Catherine Winterfield, Mayor