

The February 27, 2018 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 Catherine 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 Catherine Winterfield
Deputy Mayor David Kohle
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman Ryan Herd
Councilman Richard Phelan

Absent: None

Also Attending:

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

There were 105 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Brad Siedlecki of Pillar Designs presented the Company's design for a Skate park.
- Joe Jorgensen, 14 Myer Place, questioned when the proposed site for the skate park was remediated, and expressed concern about a lack of information regarding policy, costs and state of the location.
- Bob Morley, 4 Jacksonville Road, made inquiries concerning the soil at the proposed location and expressed concern about the ability of the soil to compact and the related cost of maintenance.
- Steve Connolly, 44 Duncan Avenue, reported on potential in-kind donations for the proposed skate park, noted the amount of money spent on facilities for team sports and questioned the priorities for recreational spending.
- Rob Cascone, 9 4th Street, objected to the proposed skate park, stated the cost of the skate park outweighs the benefit and questioned what would be delayed or cancelled in order to fund it and what it would cost to demolish if it fell out of use.
- Aaron Mayer, noted a previously built park is well used, reported a lack of graffiti at a well-used skate park and stated a skate park would be a small cost and a great benefit to the community.
- Jacquie Stivala, 7 Patire Place, questioned how many of the skateboarders in attendance were from out of town.
- Jean Buffa, 12 Ackerson, questioned if kids had been asked what they would like to see built and asked if there would be a membership fee for out of town users.
- Jordan Galiano, 10 Peck Avenue, objected to way skateboarders are regarded and described benefits a local skate park , could provide to those who are passionate about the sport.
- Sandy LaCorte, 4 Patire Place, recommended the donated skate park obstacles be installed along the new bike trail.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Joe Wells, Open Space Committee Chair, reported the Open Space Committee will be submitting an application for a grant from the Roots to Rivers program for trees and shrubs to plant along the Riverwalk, and reported on the Morris County Board of Transportation discussions concerning the need to correct encroachments on the right of way of the bike path.
- Tom Andrea, Environmental Commission Secretary, reported the Committee will be giving away sapling trees on April 28th in the Town Hall parking lot.
- Joe Wells provided a reminder volunteers are needed for the Mayor's river cleanup on April 7th.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2018-63**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2018-64**, appointing individuals to serve on the Open Space Advisory Committee.
- **R2018-65**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **February 23, 2018 Bill List**.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2018-63 through R2018-65** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. There were no discussion items.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Borough of Pompton Lakes, Notice of Adoption: Ordinance No. 18-06
- American Legion Post 450 re: Memorial Day Parade

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager David Hollberg reported the following:

- A Letter of Intent has been filed with the Morris County Historic Preservation Board for the 2018 grant cycle. The grant to be requested will coincide with the plans that have been developed by HMR for the initial round of improvements.
- The Mountain Avenue water main is almost complete and new connections are being made this week. Water main construction along West Parkway will begin in mid-March, weather permitting.
- Please make note of activities within the Township on these dates:
 - Saturday, April 7 Mayor's River Clean-up
 - Saturday, April 14 Township Fishing Contest
 - Saturday, April 21 Little League Opening Day (Parade)
 - Saturday, April 28 Tree Sapling Giveaway at Town Hall
 - Rain Barrel Demonstration at PV Park
 - Saturday, May 5 Martin Berry House Dedication 1:00 – 2:00
 - Saturday, May 19 Shred Day at PV Park 9:00 – 1:00

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- Attended a kick-off meeting of the Morris County Community Development Services

Committee with Mayor Winterfield and a subsequent meeting of the Committee, and reported on the process of reviewing the applications.

- Reported on the Library's use of new social media platforms, updates to signage, outreach to High School students, education on the use of personal electronics and progress on the addition to the Children's room.
- Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow at 7:30. There will be a subcommittee meeting at 6:30. A commercial realtor will be in attendance for a round table discussion.

Mr. Herd:

- No report.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing meets tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Phelan:

- May be unable to attend the March 20th Planning Board meeting.
- Shade Tree met yesterday.
- Fire Company No. 1's meeting is on Friday
- Fire Co. No. 2 meets the following Thursday

Mayor Winterfield:

- Recommended scheduling a training program for the Morris County Stigma Free program.
- Reported on a lack of responses for the Louis Bay 2nd Scholarship Competition.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Ted Tuttle, 166 West End Avenue, expressed concern about the divide in the community over the proposed skate park, requested the Council talk about the issues at hand, objected to the appearance of prejudice concerning skateboarders, expressed appreciation for the suggestion of using the bike trail and commented it wouldn't really work for skateboarders, and requested the skate park be considered like any other sport.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, requested some resources be used to clean up fallen trees near Riverside Drive and questioned how new trees would be maintained.
- Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street, reviewed the purpose of available Open Space funding, reported there are no trees down on the Riverwalk and noted the area is intended as a wooded area.
- Steven Wolf, 55 Grandview Avenue, Hawthorne, stated he runs a non-profit that mentors many young people from Pequannock, expressed the belief that even a ½ million dollars, as a one-time expense, would be a fair investment, and commented on fundraising and on problems that might arise from installing skate board obstacles along the bike trail.
- Kyle Russell, 6 Walnut Avenue, requested information on funds previously raised for the skate park, asked about the type and cost of DEP permits to be used, reported on an on-line petition regarding the skate park and asked how questions could be submitted regarding the skate park design presentation.
- Steve Connolly, 44 Duncan Avenue, stated a resolution is needed to facilitate corporate fundraising, and reported on fundraising activities.
- Steve Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, expressed frustration regarding the information received in response to questions related to the condition of the soil at the skate park location and the total cost of the project.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, expressed support for funding activities for the Township's

children including a skate park, noted positive aspects of allowing non-residents to use the park, and stated her belief in the capability of the Township staff to build and maintain a safe environment.

- Mike Bertuna, 8 Reynolds Road, requested status on the appeal of the FEMA maps which was provided by Mr. Hollberg
- Michael Del Purgatorio, Bloomfield NJ, stated the support of skate boarders from nearby towns is evidence of the sense of community skateboarding facilitates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch January 9, January 23, and February 13, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved with Mr. Herd abstaining on the January 9, 2018 minutes.


EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Herd the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Catherine Winterfield, Mayor