

The November 7, 2017 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 Melissa Florance-Lynch 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 Florance-Lynch led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor Melissa Florance-Lynch
Deputy Mayor Catherine Winterfield
Councilman Ryan Herd
Councilman David Kohle

Absent:

Councilman Richard Phelan

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Lori Tarnogursky, Director of Finance
Christopher Tietjen, Asst. to the Twp. Manager
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 32 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Tax Office Overview, Lori Tarnogursky, Pequannock Township Director of Finance and Tax Collector, presented an overview of the organization and structure of the Department of Finance and reviewed available property tax deductions.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Stephen Connolly, Skatepark Advisory Committee Chair, reported two concept designs will be presented at the November 30th Skatepark Advisory Committee meeting, and stated feedback from the meeting will determine the final design. Mr. Connolly also submitted a petition in support of a skate park with 342 signatures collected at various events with a copy of a previous petition attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Dave Stapp, 749 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, reported Treasure Hunters will be at the Martin Berry House on Saturday; there will be a Sinatra tribute concert at Senior House on November 18th; December 9th will be a holiday party, and a ribbon cutting for the Martin Berry House is planned for May 5, 2018.
- Tasha Connelly, 44 Duncan Avenue, thanked the Council for progress made toward building a skate park and expressed support for the park as a facility that will be part of a diverse array of recreation in the Township.
- Steve Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, expressed his belief and concern that there is a lack of information regarding the Skatepark Committee meetings.
- Michael Meyer, 5 Park Avenue, representing the Pequannock Coalition, expressed support for the skate park, citing statistics which indicate a drop in participation in traditional team sports

and an increase in interest in sports such as skateboarding and BMX riding that are examples of activities which promote a sense of community for young people who do not choose to participate in team sports.

- Adrian Wesdyk, 118 Greenwood Avenue, asked why he had not been notified of construction on Washington Park. Mr. Hollberg reviewed the work being done on fields at the park.
- Laura Levine, 464 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, stated character reference letters concerning her husband Matt Levine had been sent to the Township Manager and Township Council, objected to the lack of response, and distributed copies of the letters to the Council.
- Donna Cetani, 117 Greenwood Avenue, questioned if the results of the geotechnical survey were in, and suggested the Township remember the location is in a flood plain.
- Bill Thomson, 22 Van Riper Avenue, spoke in favor of the skate park stating although his children are grown, he believes it will be of benefit to the community.
- Janice Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, expressed concern about the amount of soil which would need to be removed and other expenses involved in building the skate park, questioned if borings had been done in the correct location, and requested copies of the Skatepark Committee meeting minutes.
- Stacy Ann Webb, 289 Boulevard, suggested more information regarding the skate park be distributed in order to clarify inaccuracies being disseminated, noted members of the Committee are volunteers with limited time and resources, thanked the Committee members, offered her assistance to the Committee, and expressed support for a skate park.
- Leanne Lavada, 75 Third Street, expressed support for investing in a diverse selection of recreation facilities for all of the community's children and offered her assistance to the Skatepark Committee
- Earnest Mitchell, 29 Garrow Avenue, expressed support for a skate park, stating he was a skateboarder and would have appreciated a nearby facility when he was young.
- Bob Morley, 4 Jacksonville Road, stated he had reviewed a copy of the geotechnical report and described issues and expenses related to the preparation of the ground prior to the building of a skate park at the currently designated location.
- Kyle Russell, 6 Walnut Avenue, questioned if the skate park geotechnical report accurately described the location of the boring holes, questioned the accuracy of the report's dates and requested information on the way future costs will be considered.
- Rob Thomas, 46 Della Avenue, stated he is interested in the information provided at the meeting and said he is here to help.
- Cathy Zack, 65 Third Street, stated diversity makes a town great and supports the development of recreation facilities even though her family would not necessarily use the facility.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2017-17, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK ENTITLED, "PARKS AND RECREATION" (FIELD USE SCHEDULING AND FEES)

Township Manager Hollberg explained the criteria for determining the residency of groups reserving fields.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Phelan.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2017-18, ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 173 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK ENTITLED "SALE OF TOBACCO"

Township Attorney Robert Oostdyk explained the local code is being repealed the Code has been usurped by legislation at the State level.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Phelan.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2017-191**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2017-192**, authorizing Tax Office cancellations for AHS Hospital Corporation properties.
- **R2017-193**, establishing the date of the 2018 Reorganization meeting.
- **R2017-194**, authorizing payment in the amount of \$5,080.46 to Diane Alimena for Accumulated Leave.
- **R2017-195**, authorizing the transfer of 2017 Municipal Budget Appropriations.
- **R2017-196**, authorizing a professional services agreement between the Township of Pequannock and HMR Architects, for Martin Berry House Construction Documents.
- **R2017-197**, authorizing a professional services agreement between the Township of Pequannock and Greener by Design for administrative services for the Pequannock Township Fair Housing Committee.
- **R2017-198**, authorizing a professional services agreement between the Township of Pequannock and Storm Water Management Consulting, LLC for engineering services related to the appeal of preliminary flood maps.
- **R2017-199**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **November 3, 2017** Bill List

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2017-191 through R2017-199** were adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Phelan.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. There were no discussion items.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

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

- Letters regarding the revised Flood Maps were sent to every home in the Flood Plain last week, advising homeowners of the open houses scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday.
- The Township received the Community Service payment from Atlantic Health Systems.
- Departmental budget hearings are all scheduled for this week
- Please make note of activities within the Township on these dates:

Sunday, November 26 Tree Lighting at Senior House
Saturday, April 7, 2017 Mayor's River Clean-up.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Herd:

- Open Space Committee meets on November 13th.
- Municipal Alliance meets on November 8th.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Hazardous waste day was well run and very successful.
- There is a grand opening of a skate park in West Orange on November 12th for anyone would like to visit.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing meeting has been rescheduled to November 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met last night. There may be an application submitted for a new teen advisory member.
- Congratulated the Pequannock High School band for winning the State and National Competitions and thanked the Police Department, Fire Departments and First Aid Squad for their congratulatory welcome.
- Wished Chris Tietjen well in his new position.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Construction at the Library is going smoothly; line painting in the Library parking lot will need a budget request; requested status of the temporary trailer parked behind the Library.
- Flood Advisory Committee is meeting this Thursday at 7:30; members of the committee will also be attending the FEMA meeting on Thursday between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and affected residents are encouraged to attend.
- There will be a Veterans Day service at the cannon at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday; PV School will hold their Veterans Day service Monday at 9:00 a.m. with the students and 11:00 a.m. with members of the public.
- Congratulated the Pequannock Township High School Marching Band for winning the State and National championships. The band and Eagle Scout Anthony Finnen will be recognized at the November 28th Council meeting.
- Hazardous Waste Day and Shred Day were both very successful.
- Volunteer applications for Committees should be submitted very soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Jay Wanczyk, 26 Poplar Avenue, thanked the Council for moving forward with the grant application for Construction documents for the Martin Berry House, thanked Chris Tietjen for his work on the project, commended the Council for the decision to appeal the preliminary flood maps and stated the Pequannock Rotary hosts a Veteran's lunch tomorrow at Post 279 in Lincoln Park and anyone who is a Veteran is invited.
- Jordan Galiano, 10 Peck Avenue, provided an explanation of the location of the borings in the geotechnical survey, reported 17 kids signed up for skate boarding lessons, visited the Ocean City skate park and stated it was popular and well-used. Mr. Galiano also reported on fundraising activities and upcoming skateboarding events and reported he has minutes for the Skatepark Committee meetings which will be forwarded to the Township.

- Steve Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, restated borings were not done where the skate park will be located and recommended clarifications before decisions are made.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, expressed appreciation for the enthusiastic comments of skate park supporters, noted the efforts of the committee and expressed support for the skate park.
- Janice Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, recommended the Township contact the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to help with Shred Day, reported visiting the Livingston skate park and finding it empty, and recommended the Council solicit a wide variety of opinions on the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield minutes of the October 10, 2017 Special Meeting and the October 10, 2017 and October 24, 2017 regular meetings were approved without objection.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd **Resolution R2017-200**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss tax appeal litigation was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:46 p.m. at which time the Township Council met in Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- Tax Appeal of Cedar Crest versus the Township of Pequannock: members of the Council were advised by the Township Attorney of the status of the negotiations in that matter. No decisions were made at this time.


The closed session was completed at 8:59 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor

