

WORK SESSION OF MAY 6, 2014

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayors Dunay and Lefkowitz, Councilmembers Peluso and Swain.

ABSENT: Mayor Cosgrove

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Van Kruijning, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager Kwasniewski and Attorney Mondello (Late).

POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Manager Van Kruijning advised that the changes were recommended in order to maintain the Department's accreditation. Attorney Mondello has reviewed them and believes they are acceptable.

It was agreed to accept the rules and regulations as proposed and to introduce the required ordinance.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Peluso reported that he toured the Borough parks with Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Graff. He advised that some of the recommendations made by the Recreation Facility Committee have already been made.

Councilmember Swain questioned the trailers. Manager Van Kruijning advised that they are using the same company. The trailers will have the same layout and design. He expects that they will be arriving soon.

Councilmember Swain pointed out that Ridgewood also has a sand bottom pool. She wondered if there were any opportunities for shared services if they are redoing their pool.

Councilmember Peluso concluded that the BIC meets this week.

Councilmember Swain reported that she and Andrea Piazza from the Green Team attended the Central Bergen Bike and Pedestrian Planning Committee meeting with representatives of Glen Rock, Ridgewood, Paramus, Saddle Brook, Elmwood Park and Rochelle Park to discuss ways to improve access to the County Park. They will have hearings in the near future.

She volunteered the Community Center for a public hearing to make it easier for the Borough's residents to attend.

Councilmember Swain mentioned that the ADA Committee will be meeting on May 8. RRIC will host a Classic Car Show and Community Dance on May 29. The Fair Lawn Arts Council's photo are hung in the Municipal Building for May and in June they will move to the Community Center.

Deputy Mayor Dunay reported that the DEP officials will be holding an open forum in Fair Lawn on June 16 at 7:30 p.m. to talk about the Blue Acres program. Manager Van Kruijning added that the Borough is only supporting the forum. It is not the Borough's meeting.

Deputy Mayor Dunay continued that former Deputy Mayor Trawinski drafted a letter which the Open Space Committee endorsed for the Council to send to the DEP urging the State to reevaluate the environmental remediation requirements to make it more economically feasible for municipalities to purchase flooded properties along the river.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz reported Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention is sponsoring a video project in the High School that they hope to show at the River Road Street Fair.

Manager Van Kruijning reported that bid specifications for road repaving which take place in late summer or early fall will be going out shortly. The DOT is not awarding additional funding because of the outstanding grants on Broadway.

Manager Van Kruijning reported that Noodles & Company will be hosting a fund raiser for the Fire Department in June prior to their official grand opening in The Promenade.

Attorney Mondello arrived at 7:50 p.m.

REVIEW OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager advised that she will be adding several resolutions including Award of Bid: Tree Planting: Use of Memorial Pool by Intellichild Academy and a Green Acres Enabling resolution.

LEPC MEETINGS

Councilmember Swain questioned whether the LEPC continued to meet. Manager Van Kruijning advised that the meetings have continued. Mayor

Cosgrove receives the notices and he has gone to the meetings. Manager Van Kruijning continued that he has spoken to OEM Coordinator Alvarez who will forward the minutes of the meetings to the Council. Deputy Mayor Dunay suggested posting them on the website.

FARMERS' MARKET

Councilmember Swain expressed concern that the Farmer's Market is dwindling. The farmer and the nut shop are the only vendors. Jane Spindel is looking for other vendors. Councilmember Swain noted that the hours are not very convenient. Ms. Spindel suggested that they offer an introductory price for new vendors to let them try it out. She suggested perhaps they could offer a free week or two. Manager Van Kruijning concurred and suggested offering a new vendor one week to give them an opportunity to see if it will work for them and then they would have to pay for the rest of the season. Attorney Mondello thought they could do it by resolution for this season.

Councilmember Peluso felt that the location is not ideal. Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz suggested contacting some of the vendors at the Ramsey Farmer's Market. She will put together a list and forward it to Ms. Spindel.

There was a unanimous consensus to offer a free week and allow Manager Van Kruijning the discretion to administer the program.

GREEN ACRES PROJECT AGREEMENT UPDATES

Manager Van Kruijning advised that he received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres program advising that there is a grant balance of \$215,288 which is still available for use by the Borough. They have approved an additional \$487,500 which brings the Borough's available grant balance to \$702,788. They have sent new agreements because the general provisions have recently been updated. One of the stipulations of the agreement is that the Borough update its ROSI which must be done by June 15k 2014.

Manager Van Kruijning advised that the additional testing required on the former Dube property will cost an additional \$35,000. He has been speaking to Ms. Randazza of the DEP who indicated that if the Borough does not use the property for future development or recreational activities and does nothing on the property further testing is not required. It is his intention to put it back to green, but if residents complain about the grass needing cutting, they will have to maintain it. He cannot sign a document that says no one will ever go on the property.

Councilmember Swain pointed out that if the testing shows that the property is clean, they will be reimbursed. Manager Van Kruiningen noted that it may require additional testing and remediation which would increase the cost.

Attorney Mondello stated that the other option is not take Green Acres money, then they can do whatever they want with the property. Manager Van Kruiningen reminded them that all the costs so far have been paid through the Borough's Open Space Fund. The Council needs to decide if the additional testing should be done.

EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER PHYSICALS POLICY UPDATES

Manager Van Kruiningen indicated that he met with Risk Manager Covelli and Valley Health Care for a further review of the policy. Risk Manager Covelli should have it ready for the next work session.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ruth Gormans, 39-37 Sycamore Drive inquired about the mini bus and the shortage of drives. Manager Van Kruiningen advised that they have one full time driver and four part time drivers now.

Ms. Gormans expressed concern that the message about the mini bus is not changed. She continued to express her strong feelings regarding the necessity of having the mini bus.

Councilmember Swain stated that the mini bus program is changing on June 2. People will schedule their pickups Monday through Friday. The Saturday service will remain the same. Manager Van Kruiningen added that the new program will run 90 days and then he will give a report to the Council. Ms. Gormans did not think 90 days was sufficient to evaluate the new service.

Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz concluded by stating that they were going to try the new service.

Rich Seibel, 33-07 Halsey Road asked if the dates for the Pool Committee could be posted on the website. He also wondered if it was possible to hire another environmental expert who might charge less for the testing. Attorney Mondello advised him that the DEP has a list of approved firms and they must use a firm that is on that list.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Swain and a second by Deputy Mayor Dunay, the Work Session was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Deputy Manager

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Absent
Mayor John Cosgrove



Deputy Mayor Daniel Dunay



Deputy Mayor Amy E. Lefkowitz



Councilmember Kurt Peluso



Councilmember Lisa Swain

