

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
May 8, 2017**

The Worksession Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Lombardi , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Lombardi, Sendelsky and Shah.

Councilmember Patil was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Assistant Public Works Director Russomanno, Health Director Elliott, Fire Chief Latham, Police Captain Kelly and Cameraman Cologna.

The Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News and Tribune, The Star Ledger and the Sentinel on December 30, 2016 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

Council President Lombardi opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Walt Stochel ,2118 Oak Tree Road, regarding the needs assessment for Recreation in the amount of \$59,000.00 please explain.

Mr. Northgrave, explained we put out an RFP to identify companies to evaluate both what Recreational needs and facilities it's a broad scope of work we are looking for.

Mr. Stochel asked if the public will have input.

Mr. Northgrave, that's not a bad idea.

Mr. Stochel, proposed Ordinance of Conservation Easement he asked if he can get a copy for the Open Space Committee. Resolution for Ferrante property he thanked the council for their support.

Council President Lombardi, he thanked Mr. Stochel for the information he provided on the Ferrante property.

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Avenue, commented it is nice to see resolution on the property for Open Space. There is no warning on the road closing of Stephenville Parkway. He asked since the law was passed on storage containers, what about on commercial sites?

Council President Lombardi, maybe next meeting we will have an answer from the Engineer regarding the utility work on Stephenville Parkway.

Mr. Northgrave, said he is not sure will check on it.

Mr. Diamond, asked where are we with Top Golf.

Councilmember Diehl, Top Golf has another meeting this week, making progress. We are working with engineers and surveyors for a plan to make it better. We are all focused on making this better for the residents.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, she say a legal notice about Woodland and Oak Tree Road County going to bid for the improvements which we have been waiting for awhile. She had a conversation with the Township Engineer, Carl O'Brien asking about the paving in Clara Barton, and was happy to hear paving will be starting around May 15th. She saw a letter to editor from Santo Cirri regarding the traffic on Route 27 ramp to Route 287.

Council President Lombardi, we passed a Resolution in support.

Mr. Northgrave said we passed a Resolution to ask Trenton to act upon, it's a state road and they are just in the planning stages. They need to do a study to see what can be done.

Deputy Director Tomaro is here on behalf of Dog Park Committee to Thank Mayor Lankey, the Council, Business Administrator Ruane, Anthony Russomanno and Public Works Department. This Saturday we did a dedication for the new playground equipment. Also on June 3, 2017 the Edison Health Department will be giving out free Rabie shots for Dogs and Cats from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Dog Park. This park is very clean. The Landscaping Anthony Russomanno did a great job.

Stuart Schotlzman, 9 Whitman Avenue, Metuchen, as a member of dog park committee I am here to say thank you a work of passion for all of us. Anthony and his team has been wonderful, Jay help us on Earth day with our booth. It's a wonderful dog park and proud to be part of. Thank you all.

William Hoover ,65 Rose St. Metuchen, my daughter Lilly and her friend Abby Brooks were the two girl scouts who had the idea of the Dog Park, they are thrilled to have a dream come true. He thanked all for their cooperation between governing bodies.

Council President Lombardi, thanked the committee for their continued dedication to the Dog Park.

Hearing no further comments, this public hearing was closed, on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky, with all in favor.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a. Accepted as submitted

6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Coyle, Environmental Commission reported a few cleanups such as Train Station and 205 Tyler. Boy Scout Troop 12, Nick Fisher did their own improvement project at 205 Tyler about 250 ft. planted over 70 shrubs. Parks & Recreation Bad Mitten Schedule him and Councilmember Patil are working on. Route 1 and Amboy intersection to do all four sides of bridge scape

Councilmember Diehl, gave Councilmember Coyle a lot of credit for the beautification projects. If you go around town you see it's cleaner. April 27th Education Committee met with representatives from the Board of Education it was a productive meeting we discussed current enrollment and shared services.

Councilmember Gomez, Public Safety committee is continuing to work through the promotional ordinance for Fire.

Councilmember Shah, she asked about the Bad Mitten, she also had some call from residents.

Councilmember Coyle has spoke with Joyce from Recreation and they are working on a schedule of time.

Ms. Ruane said there will be designated Court time.

7. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Lombardi on May 2, 2017, Anil Vennavalli, who rescued a woman from the train and at the same time his back pack was stolen. The mayor will honor his bravery with a Proclamation on Wednesday, May 10th Council Meeting, also the Edison PBA will be awarding Mr. Vennavalli with \$1000.00 for this loses.

The Police Unity Tour dedication will be on May 9th at 2pm to honor fallen officers at Lake Papapanni.

On Sunday, May 21, 2017 Mayor Edison Metuchen Bike Tour, 26 miles, rain or shine registration begins at 8:00am the tour begins at 9:00am.

Our Monday, May 22nd meeting will be changed to combined Council Meeting on Wednesday May 24th.

8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. Councilmember Sendelsky asked for explanation.

Mr. Northgrave explained to figure out what we have and what need to be evaluated.

b. through d. No comments were made

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through d. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. No comment was made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. and b. No comments were made

c. Councilmember Coyle had a question.

Council President Lombardi explained Council is supporting the County acquisition of the property for Open Space.

d. and e. No comments were made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. Councilmember Coyle asked what exactly is being done there.

Chief Latham explained all the work.

Councilmember Coyle, who over sees work.

Ms. Ruane, replied Engineer and Construction Code.

b. and c. No comments were made.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. through c. No comments were made.

14. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky has no report next meeting will be on May 15, 2017

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FINAL ADOPTION:

O. 1973-2017 No comment was made.

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16. COMMUNICATIONS:

None

17. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

- a. Added a resolution from the County in order to do construction at Oaktree and Woodland.
- b. Added a communication.

Councilmember Coyle:

- a. He added comments to Councilmember Sendelsky concerns on the Utility Companies leaving damage not restored.

Councilmember Diehl:

- a. Spoke with Anthony Russomanno earlier regarding a ponding issue on Calvert and Huntington looking forward to working with the new engineer. He thanked Mr. Russomanno for his input on the situation.
- b. Utility companies need to do a better job in doing work around town.

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. He thanked Public Works and the Administration on the recycling app he saw the notification and also Councilmember Sendelsky for all his work. The notification is working great.
- b. NJDOT and PSE&G not taking care of their properties.

Councilmember Patil:

- a. absent

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. He asked Mr. Elliot for an update on Vision Construction.

Mr. Elliot answered the hearing of May 12th has been postponed will let you know new date when scheduled.

- b. Utility companies not completing their repair work on telephone pole hit during storms. He asked the council to work on an ordinance to make them accountable.

Councilmember Shah:

- a. Follow up on a Resident about the water being turned off.

Mr. Kataryniak previous said the demolition permit was given.

- b. She asked Jay Elliot about complaints on housing.

Mr. Elliot reported he just issued 65 summons.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky seconded by Councilmember Diehl, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk