

Clerk's Dept.

From: James Ulrich
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 11:51 AM
To: Petrucci Janice - MRAS-US
Cc: Clerk's Dept.
Subject: RE: Follow up for Oct 7th meeting

Ms. Petrucci

Thank you for attending the town hall meeting and for sharing your concerns regarding the proposed parking lot at Bartell Park. After careful consideration of the feedback from residents, the Mayor and Council have decided to cancel the project.

We understand the concerns raised about the parking lot; however the traffic, parking and pick-up/drop-off issues will persist without the proposed solution. Unfortunately, after exploring alternatives, there are no other viable options to address these issues at this time. Additionally, with the project's funding being pulled, there will be limited opportunity to revisit this matter in the future.

We appreciate your engagement and understanding.

Best regards,
JIm

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Hello,

My name is Janice Petrucci and I attended the town hall meeting this past Monday.

During the meeting we discussed the parking lot that was proposed to be put in Bartell Park.

The mayor was very agreeable to stopping the parking lot being built and he should be able to terminate the project without issue.

I am just following up to see if the project was terminated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Janice Petrucci

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Council President Albanese asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella Second: Smith

Township Clerk: said there are two individual Resolutions that will be added.

Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Union and HVI Services for Leaf Composting

Council President Albanese asked for a mover and second to add this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella Second: Hund

Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to cancel the remaining balance in the Municipal Alliance Grant

Council President Albanese asked for a mover and second to add this Resolution

Mover: Smith Second: Minniti

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

5. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of sewer fees in the amount of \$420.00
6. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$21,561.71
7. Authorizing the Tax Collector to settle a tax appeal for Block 71, Lot 14.0101 as authorized by the Tax Court of New Jersey with credit issued in the amount of \$220,130.02

Council President Albanese asked for a mover and second on this Consent Agenda

Mover: Smith Second: Minniti

Mayor Bonaccorso: gave a brief summary on #7 Resolution regarding Tax Appeals

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Each person addressing the Council shall first give their name and the town in which they reside, to the Clerk. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and shall not exceed 5 minutes in duration.

Janice Patrucci, Clark resident:

- with regard to car congestion at Bartell
 - said the situation is the same with the volume of traffic in the area
 - nothing has been done to limit the amount of cars or games on a weekend or at night
 - asked what can be done
 - said “the neighbors don’t want a parking lot”
 - said “we don’t want it, we really don’t want it, she went around the neighborhood and talked to 30/40 people and nobody wants that to turn into a parking lot”

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- replied he will call again to the Soccer Club and ask them to schedule the games further apart, they have said they have done that
- said we are putting a parking lot down at the other end with 32 spots down by Lakeside Blvd, he thinks this is going to help to a certain degree
- continued with further discussion
- with regards to the parking lot
 - said “we’ll save money and just eliminate it if you guys don’t want it”
 - also said “we’re doing it for you, we’re not doing it for us”
 - “I’ll talk to the BA tomorrow morning and see if we’re able to get out of that contract to see if we can cancel and we’ll cancel out, it’s that simple”

Councilman Smith: asked the Mayor what about the field at the Esposito Park, he thought we as a town had right of first refusal?

- Mayor replied that’s a grass field, basically everyone likes to play on a turf field
 - maybe what we need to do is to see if Anthony (President of the Soccer Club) has ever reached out to the County to use the turf field at Oak Ridge Park
 - stated the County said as Clark being the host community we will always have first pick at Oak Ridge Park after Union County College if it is not going to be used on evenings and weekends
 - brought it up to the Soccer League and they said the County did not give them any time at all

Councilman Minniti: gave further detailed information regarding soccer

Vin Goldman, Clark resident:

- with regard to the Bartell Park
 - has been a resident his whole life
 - stated he loves living across the street from the park
 - spoke of the parking being an issue
 - questioned if there has been a traffic study done to understand how much more traffic is going to be involved if we put in that parking lot
 - added additional concerns regarding the parking lot and safety
 - discussion continued

Delia Collins, Clark resident:

- talk about a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding the Parkway Bridge
- asked the Mayor if he received any information from Mr. Oatman from the County
 - the Mayor replied that Mr. Oatman said he would be in touch as soon as he has any information
 - also, he said the BA was going to email Mr. Oatman this week to see if he heard anything
- mentioned the County will be having their meeting on Wednesday night
- questioned how come the fields behind Friendly’s and the property in front of Hehnly be developed into a soccer field
 - the Mayor replied behind Friendly’s it is, the football league and the soccer league use that field probably most of the year
 - in regard to in front of Hehnly School, they would have to ask the Board of Education, they own that property
- discussion continued