

The **July 16, 2018** meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Mayor O'Brien at 8:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilman Christopher Campion
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Robert Merriken
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Joseph Tompey
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent:

Councilman Richard Diver

Also attending:

Dennis Collins, Borough Attorney
John Barrett, Borough Administrator

Mayor O'Brien announced: Pursuant to the requirements of New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Meeting Notice filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; posted on the Borough website and in the Municipal Building; published as a legal notice in the Coast Star newspaper; and mailed to those requesting notice and providing payment.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor O'Brien announced the agenda will be amended to change the name on Resolution 2018-124 and to add the Proclamation announcing National Night Out.

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the agenda will be amended by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the agenda was approved as amended by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mr. Diver, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

APPROVE MINUTES - July 2, 2018

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the Regular Session minutes of July 2, 2018 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Tompey Absent: Mr. Diver

PRESENTATIONS -

Mayor O'Brien read the Proclamation announcing National Night Out to be held on August 7, 2018 at Allaire Road Park.

Acting Police Chief Ed Gunnell addressed council with details that there would be "something for everyone" ie food, music, entertainment. All of this free, everyone should bring their own beverages. He expressed hope that it would be a fun meet-your- neighbor- type night out for the community.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS - 2018 Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mrs. King, the Public Hearing was opened by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Tompey
Nays: Mr. Shuler Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

Borough Engineer, Joe May presented information in regards to the 2018 Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant for Ocean Road Park. The application requires that we have a public hearing on the application. We have received open space grants for our parks; this year we're concentrating on Ocean Road Park. There are three main components of the grant application:

1. Repair of sidewalks, bathroom improvements, as well as basketball and tennis courts improvements.
2. A new play area for children aged 2-12.
3. Replacement/upgrade of softball field, backstop and fences.

Mr. May explained that the council has adopted an ordinance allotting funding for some improvements at the park, this grant would add to the funding for additional improvements.

Mayor O'Brien asked how much money we are asking for. Mr. May responded it would be about \$175,000. The awarding of funding is pretty competitive; it is helpful when a town also invests in the improvements.

Mr. Merriken asked what type of equipment for the play area. Mr. May responded it was typical swing/climbing equipment. Mr. May explained that he has looked into purchasing the equipment through a co-op which is a savings. Mr. May added that the park has seen more activity including the softball field. In recent weeks public works has done some grading improvements there but additional improvements are needed such as benches & backstops are a must.

The public was invited to speak on the presentation.

Eileen Eilenberger 1215 Pond Road stated she thought the play area is great. She added that there had been a play area at Ocean Road Park years ago that didn't work out. Mr. May explained that had been in an area in back/down below, different than where they are looking now. Mr. May explained it would be more up front so parents can park go to the play area with younger children and still see all areas of park for other children.

On a motion by Mr. Tompey, seconded by Mrs. King, the public hearing was closed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

Attorney Collins stated that a formal resolution would be needed to support the grant application and authorize the Mayor and Borough personnel to apply for the grant.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the motion to support the grant application and to authorize mayor and borough personnel to execute all necessary documents to apply for the grant was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the public hearing was opened by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

None Presented

On a motion by Mr. Tompey, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the public comment section was closed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Champion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Highway 71 Road Improvements

Borough Engineer, Joe May had communicated with NJ DOT about ADA repairs they did. This is being re-visited by them due to some drainage issues. Mr. May has received a letter from the State Engineer with their recommending of additional storm drain improvements:

1. Park Ave. & Hwy 71
2. Passaic Ave. & Hwy 71
3. Brighton & Hwy 71

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tompey – no report

Mr. Merriken – no report

Mrs. King reported that she hasn't heard from everyone in regards to the code updating (due to summer vacationing/holiday) but hopes to have more information for next meeting. She thanked Joe May for all his efforts with the Ocean Road Park grant application process. She added that this will give the children in the south end of town to have same park equipment like Allaire Road Park.

Mr. Shuler reported that we collected/shredded 7.86 tons of paper at July 14 event. Janine Gillis added that it went very well, started early & caused no cars to be backed up on Hwy 71.

Mr. Campion reported that we are purchasing a new, modern fire truck to replace two old ones; in production & should have in 180 days. Police Department is busy: 763 calls for service in June. He is excited for National Night Out, please come out to support it.

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Municipal Court Report June 2018
- Police Report – June 2018
- Wall Township Public Hearing, July 25, 2018 Re: Ordinance 10-2008 - Creating ML-10 Mount Laurel Zone
- Wall Township Public Hearing, July 25, 2018 Re: Ordinance 11-2008 – Amending Zoning Map
- Public Notice Spring Lake Heights Board of Adjustment Meeting July 18, 2018 Re: Fairway Mews Clubhouse Block 42.07 Lot 1

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS –

- **Ordinance No. 2018-06** – Establishing Salaries and Wages for the year 2018

Councilman Campion requested 2017's guide for purposes of comparison for next meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Campion, seconded by Mr. Merriken, the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2018-122**, Authorizing for Use of School Facilities with the Spring Lake Heights Board of Education

On a motion by Mr. Tompey, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2018-122 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

- **R2018-123**, Authorizing the Shared Service Agreement for Maintenance Services with the Spring Lake Heights Board of Education

On a motion by Mr. Tompey, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2018-123 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

- **R2018-124**, Appointing Robert Sutphen as a Probationary Public Works Laborer

On a motion by Mr. Tompey, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2018-124 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

- **R2018-125**, Approving a Fireworks Display at Spring Lake Golf Club

On a motion by Mr. Tompey, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2018-125 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Tompey
Nays: Mr. Shuler Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

- **R2018-126**, Approving the Payment of Itemized Claims as set Forth on the July 13, 2018 Bill List

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Merriken, Resolution No. 2018-126 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler
Nays: None Abstain: Mr. Tompey Absent: Mr. Diver

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the Public Comment Section was opened by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: none Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

None Presented

On a motion by Mr. Merriken, seconded by Mr. Tompey, the Public Comment Section was closed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: none Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver

Mr. Campion added that council should discuss latitude we allow people to have fireworks at any time year-round; could become a problem, concern for neighboring residents; drain on resources for first-responders. Mayor O'Brien agreed we should establish guidelines moving forward, requested that it be put on agenda for next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Tompey, seconded by Mr. Campion, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:30 P.M.

Ayes: Mr. Campion, Mrs. King, Mr. Merriken, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tompey
Nays: none Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Diver


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: , 2018