

The **June 17, 2019** regular 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 7:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman James Shuler
Councilman Christopher Willms
Mayor Thomas O'Brien

Absent:

Councilman Christopher Campion
Councilman Leonard Capristo
Councilman William Graetz

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

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Willms, the agenda was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

APPROVE MINUTES - June 3, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, the minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor O'Brien offered a statement of tree removal at Allaire Road Park by explaining although unfortunate, it was necessary; trees have fallen in Hurricanes Irene & Sandy and recent wind storms. The most recent incident was when 2 trees fell just before an Easter Egg Hunt one year. Tree experts and insurance people told us the trees posed a danger and needed to come down. We are working on a plan to replace and will be asking for input. We should direct our passion for the park and decide what to do next.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the Public Comment Section was opened by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

Margaret Melchione, of 2 Jeanette Ct., lives adjacent to park, and has a petition circulating, requesting transparency. Mayor O'Brien responded that council has been transparent, the council has had numerous discussions on this topic at 3-5 council meetings; removal of trees came down to a safety issue. Sarah King mentioned a discussion during former Mayor Maccanico's term, an ex-councilman wanted the trees down. She apologized to the public for approving the resolution authorizing removal of trees, she didn't realize the details, she would've liked to see arborist report; she added the whole thing is awful. Mayor O'Brien disagreed: council discussed lots of details at several council meetings, there was plenty of opportunity/responsibility to ask questions; Mrs. King differed.

Gaylen Nolan, of 1022 Allaire Rd., understands some, not all, of the trees were damaged. She lives adjacent to park, would've liked to receive have received notice of the tree removal; she would like environmental commission & residents to have input into replanting plan. Mayor O'Brien attended

Environmental Commission meeting last week, agreed we need to put a joint commission together to plan for future to make the park a better place for everyone.

Catherine Nealon, of 8 Locust Ct., asked if plan could include non-environmentalists; Fairway Mews has been lobbying for pickle board courts.

Nancy Hayduk, of 809 Central Ave., said problem started years ago with trimming of trees, she mentioned an idea of visiting Spring Lake's tree trust fund; need a long-term plan. Mayor O'Brien agreed we wanted a mixed-use park.

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

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

DISCUSSION ITEMS – July and August Borough Council Meeting Dates

Mayor O'Brien brought up discussion of having one meeting (instead of two) in July and August. Mr. Shuler said he was in favor. Mrs. King was concerned about inability to approve bills by deadlines. Mr. Barrett doesn't expect it to be a problem, can approve August county tax payments in July for example. Mrs. King not in favor of 2 months with one meeting. Mr. Shuler not in town for both meetings in July & August. Mr. Willms ok for all meetings. Mayor suggested 2 meetings in July, one in Mid-august.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, council meetings were approved to keep the two regular meetings in July (7/1 & 7/15) and one meeting in August (8/12) by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: Mr. Shuler Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Shuler – no report

Mrs. King – no report

Mr. Willms – no report

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake First Aid Monthly Report – May 2019
- Letter and Resolution from Board of Chosen Freeholders approving charitable collection on County Roads by Independent Fire Co. No. 1
- Letter from Board of Chosen Freeholders – Public Meeting 6/27/19 RE: grant application for senior citizen & disabled resident transportation
- Letter from NJ Food Council regarding disposable plastic and paper bags.
- Legal Notice from Osprey Martin Partnership Re: Spring Lake Heights Planning Board application hearing 6/19/19

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS – none

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2019-114;** Authorizing the Refund of Duplicate Payment of Property Taxes

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2019-114 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

- **R2019-115;** Authorizing the Cancellation of Property Taxes – Disabled Veteran

On a motion by Mr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. 2019-115 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

▪ **R2019-116**; Authorizing the Partial Release of the Designated Maintenance Guarantee

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-116 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

▪ **R2019-117**; Appointing Summer Recreation Program Employees

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, Resolution No. 2019-117 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

▪ **R2019-118**; Approving a Request for Use of the Ocean Road Bicentennial Park Softball Field

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. 2019-118 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

▪ **R2019-119**; Approving Payment of the Itemized Claims as set Forth on the June 14, 2019

Bills List

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. 2019-119 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms Nays: none

Abstain: Mr. Willms for anything on Bills List related to his brother.

Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

On a motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mrs. King, the Public Comment Section was opened by the following vote:

Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

Sharon Batteau, of 1719 Beverly Ave., would like council to revisit noise ordinance, 8pm is late for leaf-blowers, landscapers. Mayor O'Brien agreed that noise is an issue, perhaps we can require landscapers to be registered. Other complaint is bulk trash/brush days are too few; taxes going up, services going down. Mayor O'Brien explained we don't control school budget, bulk trash days were limited based on past tonnage; our garbage fees have escalated past few years, trying to control expenses; you can take brush to borough yard, no room for bulk there.

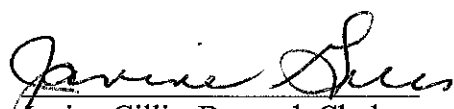
On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Shuler, the Public Comment Section was closed by the following vote:


Ayes: Mrs. King, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Campion, Mr. Capristo, Mr. Graetz

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:55p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved:  1, 2019