

The April 19, 2021 regular session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey was called to order by Mayor Campion at 7:00 p.m. in the Frank E. Adams Municipal Building with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

Present:

Councilman Leonard Capristo
Councilman Peter Gallo
Councilwoman Sara King
Councilman Christopher Willms
Mayor Christopher Campion

Absent:

Councilman John Casagrande
Councilman William Graetz

Also attending:

Dennis Collins, Borough Attorney

APPROVE AGENDA

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

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

APPROVE MINUTES - March 15, 2021 Regular

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the minutes for March 15, 2021 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

April 5, 2021 Executive & Regular

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the minutes for April 5, 2021 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

PRESENTATIONS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Outside Dining Permit: Date/Time/ Fee

Mayor Campion spoke about resolution for outdoor dining; recommended to waive fees again and keep window of date stipulations (May – October) same as last year.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. King – reported that she was disturbed about Councilman Willms' email; the committee has been working on tree project for 2 years; council voted yes to the plan, matter resolved.

Mr. Capristo – reported that we are having a town-wide garage sale on May 22; sign up at Borough Hall, there is a \$5 fee.

Mr. Willms – reported that DPW Dept. is losing one employee, we will be hiring another.

Mr. Gallo – no report

Mayor reminded everyone that there is hydrant-flushing over the next 2 weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Item)

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, the public comment section was opened, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

Glenn Bodner, 123 10th Ave., applauded Councilman Willms on attempting to halt the tree planting proposal. He feels it is being proposed by a minority of residents. The committee was made up of only 9 members; there were no other proposals, an athletic field was given no consideration. It seemed to be a done deal from start.

Mayor agreed that it was a done deal because when trees were cut down a few years ago, council agreed to replace them; the committee has been discussing this for 2 years.

Mrs. King commented that Mr. Bodner was on committee and left. She added that there will be a variety of trees, walking paths; the current fields will stay there and we're putting trees back, it'll be a balance of both. Mayor repeated that it was a promise made back when trees were cut down.

Mr. Bodner wished an athletic field was going there – feels it would get more use; also, current proposal is a lot of money.

Kevin Byrne, 912 Central Ave., applauded all of council. He agreed trees are needed; his club offered to donate trees, but no one responded, he feels the committee was jaded, one-sided. It's a pleasure to have kids in the park, we can plant trees anywhere.

Mayor suggested a field in front area of the park. Mr. Byrne said regulation fields require certain footage.

Mrs. King asked Mr. Byrne if he has asked school about using area behind the municipal building. An agreement is in place to have recreational use of the area. Mr. Byrne said yes but their focus is on school.

Mayor agreed we can look into using open space behind municipal building; added that we can find a binary solution that serves both sides – an opportunity to compromise to do what's best for the community.

Galen Nolan, 1022 Allaire Road, commented that there has been misinformation; fields are not busy every night; activity at park is not the same as it was 10 years ago. The parking situation should be checked/restricted. She added that the Environmental Commission had 2 meetings about replanting; feels there are differing opinions – a lot of people do want trees. She agreed the field in front could be used; standing water issue; would like tree project to move forward.

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the public comment section was closed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Ordinance No. 2021-04** Ordinance Amending & Supplementing Section 22-603 of the Revised general Ordinances of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights entitled "Prohibited Uses

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the public comment section was opened, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

Mayor explained we needed to take action now to prohibit sale of cannabis in Spring Lake Heights (or we would not be able to do so for another 5 years). As things unfold, we can make appropriate decisions along the way.

Eileen Eilenberger, 1215 Pond Rd, asked about delivery service. Mayor responded if it comes in from a courier service outside of town, it is allowed.

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

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Gallo, Ordinance No. 2021-04 was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

REPORTS, NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE

- Spring Lake Heights Police Monthly Report – March 2021
- Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court Monthly Report – March 2021
- Spring Lake First Aid Squad Monthly Report – March 2021
- Independent Fire Co #1 Monthly Report – March 2021
- 2020 Annual Tax Collector's Report
- Spring lake Heights Planning Board Public Notice April 21, 2021 re: Block 36 Lots 80/81
- Manalapan Township Resolution No. 2021-141 Urging Repeal of Senate Bill No. 3454- Amendment to Legalize Marijuana
- Millstone Township Resolution No. 21-90 Requesting Municipalities to Join Together in a Consortium to Help Improve JSP&L Overall Services
- Avon by the Sea, Mayor Bonanno Letter & Resolution No. 2021-41 Urging Repeal of Senate Bill No. 3454-Amendment to Legalize Marijuana

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- **Ordinance No. 2021-05** An Ordinance Repealing & Replacing Article 22-535 of the Revised General Ordinances Entitled "Stormwater Control"

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, Ordinance No. 2021-05 was introduced by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

Borough Clerk Janine Gillis added that the Public Hearing will be June 7, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R2021-69 to R2021-71

Consent Agenda items are considered routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

- **R2021-69**, Approving the "Person to Person" transfer of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Distribution License from KWest Associates, LLC to Heights27 LLC
- **R2021-70**, Approving Outdoor Music at Spring Lake Manor
- **R2021-71**, Approving Outdoor Music at The Mill Lakeside Manor

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

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms
Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

RESOLUTIONS

- **R2021-72**, Authorize Additional Temporary Budget Pending Adoption of 2021 Municipal Budget

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2021-72 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

- **R2021-73**, Authorizing Contracts with E2 Project Management, LLC for Engineering Services Related to Various Projects & Authorizing an Appropriations for the Cost of These Services

Administrator, John Barrett commented that we have various grants for numerous projects in town that have specialized requirements, we need assistance to complete.

On a motion by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mrs. King, Resolution No. 2021-73 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

- **R2021-74**, Approving Outdoor Dining Permits: date/time/fee

On a motion by Mrs. King, seconded by Mr. Gallo, Resolution No. 2021-74 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, Mr. Graetz

- **R2021-75**, Approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the April 15, 2021 bills list

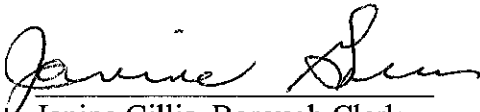
On a motion by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Willms, Resolution No. 2021-75 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Capristo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. King, Mr. Willms

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Casagrande, 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 7:40p.m.


Janine Gillis, Borough Clerk

Approved: May 3, 2021