

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #20—August 6, 2018

Present: Mayor Meinhardt; Councilmembers Anthony, Klein, Silverman; Township Manager Lewis; Deputy Township Manager Jones; Township Attorney Weiner; Township Clerk Turtletaub

Absent: Councilmember Fernandez

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law" had been met. "Annual Notice" was faxed to the *West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger* on January 3, 2018.

The Council approved the Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of July 23, 2018.

The Council approved the request of **FIT36** for use of the Oval, so long as the group meant to utilize the Gazebo area only (and not the track).

Township Attorney Weiner explained the reason the **Open Space Ordinance** clarifying revision was not to be considered this evening, and the remaining issue.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Township Engineer Harduby for rejection of the **Township Sidewalk Improvements** bid, and to re-bid the contract.

The Township Attorney Weiner discussed **Traffic Ordinance Modifications**, and the Ordinance will be introduced following further consideration.

On behalf of the **Livingston Express Shuttle Committee**, Alan Karpas discussed his memorandum to the Council requesting a new fee structure. Councilmember Silverman asked why the fees were cut so low; Mr. Karpas clarified that the fees were not being cut, but rather that the fee was being established for a one way ticket, at fifty percent of the cost of a round trip ticket. Councilmember Klein expressed support, and the Council gave its approval. Mr. Karpas will address the Council at a later date in response to their request for specific numbers as to the program.

The Council approved the request of **Cirque Entertainment**, subject to the Mall Manager Morgenroth selecting one of two suggested events. The Clerk spoke with Mr. Morgenroth who will advise as to the Mall's decision.

The Council considered the **Tree Ordinance Amendment** to be introduced at this evening's Regular Meeting. Township Manager Lewis clarified how the Amendment would give the Township more flexibility and a way to get the forfeited bonds money into the Trees Trust Fund.

Township Manager Lewis explained the proposed **Clothing Bin Ordinance Amendment**, expanding the use of bins in response to a request from the Mall to have "donation" bins.

At 7:35 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 8:10 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed, with all members previously present in attendance.

The Council discussed the **Solicitation Ordinance** introduced at this evening's Regular meeting. The Mayor thanked Zack Turbin, 230 Beaufort, for his comments and input during the Regular Meeting. The matter will be listed for discussion during the August 21 Conference Meeting, and for introduction on that night's Regular Agenda.

Mayor Meinhardt noted that the raising of the **Indian Flag** would be held at 6 p.m. on August 15th.

Trails and Greenways Chair Rich Connell gave a Power Point presentation in support of his request take the Committee from Advisory Committee to become an "action committee." He presented a draft Ordinance and budget to accomplish that end, and detailed a proposed trail, Kayak/Canoe launch site, and sources of funding. He discussed the proposed next steps including preparation of an inventory and design. The Clerk will distribute to the Council the Power Point and written material provided by Mr. Connell.

Councilmember Silverman advised that Ryan Hidalgo is taking over for Andrew Morgenroth as **Livingston Mall Manager**.

Township Manager Lewis discussed the use of an **Auction**, saving \$55,000.

Township Manager Lewis discussed the use of **LED lights**.

Deputy Township Manager Jones advised the Township had received approval to use a national Cooperative in order to purchase a new bus.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Litigation, Property

At 8:45 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Livingston has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Conference meeting of the Governing Body will reconvene; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this 6th day of August, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Property, and such matters as may come before the Council and that are exempted from the public as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public upon disposition.

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 9:10 p.m., the Closed Session adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk