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Wildwood Crest, NJ

Prior to the opening of the meeting, Mr. Groon led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, was held in the Municipal Court Room at 9:30 a.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Gould – YES                      Cabrera –(via SKYPE) YES                      Groon - YES

Mr. Groon read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place and date of holding said meeting by posting notice on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and by e-mailing and same to the Gazette-Leader, Herald of Cape May County and The Press on December 1, 2016.

Mr. Groon next announced the one-way in and the one-way out method of ingress and egress in case of emergency.

The Mayor indicated there were no ordinances, resolutions or bills for this meeting.

**Public Commentary:**

The Mayor opened the floor for public commentary.

Joan Parker, 6005 Park Boulevard, indicated there is a home on Cardinal and Aster Roads that has an alarm that goes off daily and sometimes more. She asked for help. Mayor Groon asked Chief McGrath to get the calls for service and compile the information to build a strong record.

Jim McDermott, 6710 Pacific Avenue, inquired about signage going back up on Pacific Avenue to slow down the traffic. He indicated that the rate of speed was a concern and that the signs made a difference. The Mayor asked for time to review and to see how the new traffic pattern works. He then asked about a bike lane on Pacific Avenue and that a safe venue was needed. The Mayor again asked for time to review.

Tom Russell, 201 E. Palm Road, commended the Chief and his staff for doing a wonderful job. He agreed with Mr. McDermott that the signage on Pacific made a huge difference and asked to reconsider. He then asked about second homeowners having a voice in the projects that take place and the Mayor indicated that their voice is heard at the meetings and further indicated that the Borough will do a better job with keeping homeowners informed of projects via our webpage.

Dennis Travascio, 112 E. Louisville Avenue, shared that the agendas for every meeting are online prior to the meeting and easily accessible.

Frank Pison, 116 W. Toledo Avenue, inquired about the promenade along sunset lake and having better signage to keep bicycles off. The Mayor indicated that this was hard to enforce and that bicyclists are everywhere. He further indicated that the Borough was trying to increase the bike path on the beach on the west side of the expected dune.

Hearing nothing further in the public commentary portion, the Mayor opened the floor for concerns along Bayview Drive.

Frank Pison, 116 W. Toledo Avenue, indicated he has been in touch with our Administrator, Connie Mahon, through most of the process and has asked that the area in question, near Brine restaurant, could receive some beautification. He further stated that he heard the owner will do landscaping. The Administrator replied that landscape design was in fact submitted to Lower Township and that she would request a copy.

9:48 Commissioner Cabrera was disconnected from SKYPE.

The Administrator then asked that the public share what they would like to see happen here since it is in their neighborhood. Talk of an information center regarding diamond backs and then the Mayor stated sidewalks would need to be implemented. The Administrator continued to ask the public for feedback and if they wanted it to be a passive park similar to park at Bayview and New Jersey.

Helen Kreider, 120 W. Toledo Avenue, thanked the Commissioners for the fence around the area near Brine. The Mayor indicated that the area is in Lower Township and is zoned General Business One. The Administrator further added that the area in Lower Township does not allow for residential development. If the public wants to be heard, they need to attend the Lower Township meetings and that the Borough of Wildwood Crest will do everything it can to improve the area with the help of the citizens.

Hearing nothing further from the public, the Mayor opened Old Business.

**Old Business:**

With regard to Old Business, The Mayor that they received a report regarding the school as a potential location for emergencies and that the cost to do this was prohibitive. The Board is now actively looking for a new location. The Army Corp Beach Plan was the next topic and the Mayor gave a brief rundown of what the Borough will be receiving in the next two years: 16' dune; 28' at top; 100' wide. The Borough was also working with the DEP in hopes of getting an additional bike path west of the impending dune that would run from Heather Road to Jefferson Avenue. For taxpayers, most of the funding would come from federally funded grants.

Frank Pison, 116 W. Toledo Avenue, asked about the existing dune and the Mayor indicated the new dune would go over the current dune and there would be 6 ADA accessible routes in a zigzag pattern. The Administrator added that the Army Corps has evolved and improved their methods. Mr. Pison then asked if the length of the beach would be shortened. The Mayor indicated that sand would be backpassed to North Wildwood every 3-4 years and that currently our beaches grown 40-50 feet a year and our outfalls need to be dug out more frequently. Also, the Mayor added that the Borough is working with the DEP and hopes that summer time work will be avoided.

Jim McDermott, 6710 Pacific Avenue, inquired about the timing of the dune project due to renting his place and the Administrator once again stated that the Borough is being very cooperative with the DEP to avoid this.

The next topic was the Kayak Launch. Mayor Groon gave a brief description of this project to the public. He indicated Sunset Lake is a FEMA based project and the Borough received a grant to repair armored tiles and then the Borough applied for mitigation money to help other areas and that to secure the whole area with 90% of funds coming from the Federal Government. He then added the Borough received a proposal to have a kayak launch near Louisville Avenue and to perhaps have a viewing platform at the old location. Mr. Pison asked if the new kayak launch could be named after fallen officer, Eugene Miglio. The Mayor added that would need to be discussed by the Board.

The floor was opened once again for public commentary. Hearing nothing further from the public regarding the Public Commentary portion, Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Groon that the meeting be adjourned. Both commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Cabrera left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.; he did not vote at adjournment. The time was 10:16 a.m.

Dated: June 21, 2017

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk