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August 6, 2016  
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 – Cabrera – 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 mailing and same to the Gazette-Leader, Herald of Cape May County and The Press on November 4, 2015.

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

There were no Ordinances, Resolutions, or Bill List for this meeting.

There was no Correspondence to address.

The Mayor opened to floor for public commentary.

Joan Parker, 6005 Park Blvd., inquired if / when Pacific Avenue would be finished. The Mayor indicated a new Engineer was hired and best estimate for completion would be May. He also added that the Borough would be starting the process to bond for the money as well.

Dennis Travascio, 112 E. Louisville Avenue, inquired why new estimates were required. The Mayor added that only renderings were done with previous engineer and the cost for those renderings were not included in the bond ordinance.

Wanda Read, 5407 Pacific Avenue, inquired if the property owners where she resides could paint "no parking" on the apron of their curb. The Mayor and representative from the Police Department said they would have to research that and get back to her.

Gary Reese, 130 E. Stockton Road, indicated that he has approximately 4" of tar in front of his house and water constantly coming in his home and the presence of a sink hole as well. The Mayor indicated he would forward to Engineer to review.

Gene Mulligan, 6511 New Jersey Avenue, inquired if he and others could be involved in the discussion process for Pacific Avenue. The Mayor informed Mr. Mulligan that this was still in the very early stage and a coordinated response should come from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Mulligan further stated that he would like to see Pacific Avenue continue to be a four lane highway and would hate to see it change.

Glen Batdorf, 101 W. Forget Me Knot Road, thanked the Governing Body for the pedestrians' signage at crosswalks.

Jim Montalto, 128 W. Lavender Road, commented that he like the Saturday meetings. He then indicated that his street is torn up and would like to have a timeline for completion. Commissioner Cabrera indicated that milling and paving should be through September and Phase II through to the spring.

Mike Cosgrove, 145 W. Lavender Avenue, would like to know if there were plans for new curbs and sidewalks on Lavender. Commissioner Cabrera indicated infrastructure, streets and curbs and gutters are on a scale and they have many plans over next 4 years.

Gene Mulligan, 6511 New Jersey Avenue, indicated that he would like to see more pedestrian signs on New Jersey Avenue. The Mayor indicated that it would be reviewed and New Jersey Avenue also has many red lights to impede speeding.

Ken Hand, 7312 Pacific Avenue, would like to see signs on the walkway along New Jersey prohibiting bicycles. The Mayor indicated he would look into it.

Glen Batdorf, 101 W. Forget Me Knot Road, indicated that narrowing the roadway essentially took away a safe lane for bikes.

Kay Sparkman, 7705 New Jersey Avenue, indicated that bicyclists along the walkway could injure pedestrians and she thought bicyclists were supposed to follow the automobile rules.

The Mayor then opened with New Business and the first topic was “No Smoking” at beaches and parks.

Glen Batdorf, 101 W. Forget Me Knot Road, encourages the idea of being non smoking.

Wanda Read, 5407 Pacific Avenue, agreed with the idea as well.

Gene Mulligan, 6511 New Jersey Avenue, was also for the idea.

Eileen O'Donnell, 324 W. Cresse Avenue, asked how it would be enforced. The Mayor indicated it would be difficult and hopefully signage to respect our laws and beaches would make the task easier.

Kay Sparkman, 7705 New Jersey, indicated as a former smoker, perhaps there should be a designated area.

Wanda Read, 5407 Pacific Avenue, agreed that perhaps a designated area would help.

Patty Scharff, 117 E. Stockton Road, asked if neighboring communities were non-smoking and then brought up idea of beach fees. The Mayor indicated that designating our beaches non-smoking was separate from the neighboring municipalities.

The second topic was “Beach Box Rentals.”

Lois Lombardo, 113 E. Heather Road, asked if the Borough had plans to do this. The Mayor simply stated we only talking about it and need to see what the demand is and what the exposures are potentially. Commissioner Cabrera indicated we would need renderings, see the cost, or perhaps make this a lease for a vendor and we also need to keep in mind what the Army Corps plans are for the dunes.

The next topic was “Extending the boards down the beach / walkways.” Commissioner Cabrera indicated that the Borough has test walkways on three streets. He has received overwhelming support for the walkways. The Commissioner indicated that the mats would be a long term investment and we would see if there were grants for it. He further added that they need to put together phase plan for 2017.

Ken Hand, 7312 Pacific Avenue, added this was another reason that beach fees should be implemented. The Mayor added that was not a decision for the Board of Commissioners to make and that would need to go on a referendum. Commissioner Cabrera indicated there were pros and cons.

The next topic was “bike racks” and no one from the public had any commentary.

The next topic was “street signs at beach ends” and Commissioner Cabrera indicated that the back of lifeguard stands would be a nice spot and the Mayor indicated the Borough would need to review ordinance for signage.

The next topic was “Electric Vehicle Charge Stations.”

Gary Reese, 130 E. Stockton Road, asked if electric bikes could be charged there as well. The Mayor indicated this would need to be researched. Again, they were in the early stages of discussing it.

The next topic was "Litter Control" signage. Commissioner Cabrera indicated the Borough receives Clean Communities money and that perhaps it could go through that.

The next topic was "Night Time Meters" and the Mayor indicated that meters are generally used during the day and perhaps they should entertain stopping meters at 6:00 pm.

The next topic was "Individual Beach Permit Update" and the Mayor indicated in anticipation of the dune line, they are trying to see if they could create a recreation atmosphere in between the two dunes.

The next topic was "portable toilets." Commissioner Cabrera indicated they received many emails requesting more.

Cheryl Gillespie, 108 E. Denver Avenue, would like to see more.

Gene Mulligan, 6511 New Jersey Avenue, asked about permanent bathrooms at street ends. Commissioner Cabrera indicated that according to DEP, those structures must be able to be moved. The Mayor indicated that the cost and the maintenance for 42 blocks would be high.

Kay Sparkman, 7705 New Jersey Avenue, would like to see portable toilets at Sunset Lake. Commissioner Cabrera indicated that there is a sewer line by pump station in case they need to have facilities there.

Cheryl Gillespie, 108 E. Denver Avenue, asked about a timeline for dogs on the beach and who enforces the law. The Mayor indicated that no dogs are permitted on beach from May to September and it is under public safety.

Gary Reese, 130 E. Stockton Road, asked about a discussion item that was passed over (trademark attorney) and the mayor indicated that was business for the meeting on Wednesday and today's meeting was beach related.

Dennis Travascio, 112 E. Louisville Avenue, asked if the Borough was meeting with people over the damage at Sunset Lake after the hurricane. The Mayor indicated it was a long process from the hurricane and the Borough was approved to repair the damage via a grant from FEMA and the project would have armored tiles all along the lake. Mr. Travascio indicated that there was an area caving in and the Mayor indicated it would be repaired first.

Gary Reese, 130 E. Stockton Road, asked about a home on Sunset Lake in Lower Township.

Patty Scharff, 117 E. Stockton Road, asked about the process for non-binding referendum. The Mayor indicated it was lengthy and to see the Borough Clerk later for more information.

David Borden, 135 E. Lavender Road, asked about voting on a non-binding referendum question on the ballot and Commissioner Gould informed him and second home owners that you are only allowed to vote at primary residence.

Gary Reese, 130 E. Stockton Road, then talked about the Borough and if it was always a dry community. The Mayor indicated that he thought the Borough became dry in the 1930s.

After nothing further to discuss, Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 10:46 a.m.

Dated: August 24, 2016

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk